

Wellcome Ms 9001

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Wellcome (Claydon copies) MS 9002, microfilm, 1866-67

9002/1 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

29/1/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am making a collection of my Hospital books for M. Leroy - Mrs. Fairholme's protégé - one of the most eminent of French Surgeons (Army) & whose Typhus (Tent) Hospital in the Crimea was a model.

[14:1021]

I remember his kindness in shewing me all over it well tho' how I could have "promised" him my "book" when I never dreamt of writing one, *then*, I do not know -

[end]

====  
Papa gave me a very kind message from you about Lord Napier -

Can you tell me *when* he goes? to Madras? - and whether he is in London?

I must tell you that he quarrelled

ever yours

with me

at Scutari

F.N.

9002/2 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Feb 7/66

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

Dearest mum

We have come quite  
to an end of our patience  
with our washerwoman,  
who is so very dirty  
& nasty, that I mean  
to give her notice  
next Saturday for a  
fortnight from that  
day -

and to send down  
our *whole* washing -  
(servants included,  
who are quite pleased

at the arrangement) -

to Embley, if you will  
allow us.

It will entail a good  
deal of trouble upon  
Mrs Webb, who will,  
if she is so good, have  
to look after it,  
pay my washing bills &c.

It will also entail a  
good deal of Carriage  
expencc on me -

But this London (Hampstead)

washing is really frightful.

Also it will entail  
upon me having a good  
deal more House linen.  
- as I use so many  
sheets - that I often,  
have them home in  
the middle of the week.

And I should be very  
glad if Mrs. Webb could  
get ready as soon as  
possible the sheets &c  
she has been so good  
as to undertake for me.

If there is any thing  
we ought to do in the  
way of having boxes  
to carry the linen  
backwards & forwards,  
per Rail, pray tell  
us.

You see, Lord de Grey is  
my new master at  
the India Office -  
and Lord Hartington  
at the War Office.

ever dearest mum  
Your loving child  
F.

Wellcome Ms 9002

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9002/3 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

*Private* {at angle} 9/2/66

*Burn*

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

My dear Sir Harry

I think that nothing **[9:545]**  
had better be said to  
Lord Napier, (especially  
if Ld Stanley is there,  
farther than that.

I hope to be well  
enough to see him, Lord  
Napier, before he starts.

To tell you the truth,  
Ld Stanley wrote to me  
last month wishing to  
see me. In declining

I asked *him* to see  
& talk to Lord Napier.  
These second rate  
statesmen are so  
queer - it would be  
as well now to take  
it ~~as~~ quietly & not  
to look as if there  
were any active intrigue  
to convert Ld Napier.

I hope to be able  
to see him - Please learn  
when he goes -

ever yours  
F.N.

**[end 9:543]**

9002/4 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [5:179]

10/2/66

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

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry  
not to be able to say a  
word about Alderman  
Waterlow's Dwellings -

Of all things, they  
interest me most -

And his Report has  
given me a new idea -

May I keep it? -

ever yours

F.N.

9002/5 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

14/2/66

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

My dear Sir Harry

I assure you I have  
thought very anxiously  
about not losing this  
opportunity of seeing  
Lord Napier.

[I was not able to  
take the Sacrament  
on Sunday - tho' Mr.  
Jowett wrote to offer  
it me. And] I don't

think there is the least  
chance of my being  
able to see any one  
this week - perhaps  
not till this day  
week - the 21st and  
if Lord N. starts  
the 23rd, perhaps he  
won't like that -  
What should you say  
to my *writing* to

him now something of  
what we want - &  
then seeing him for  
10 minutes early  
next week, if  
possible?  
Do you think he  
would read what  
I wrote?  
[I should tell you  
that if he has any  
feeling about me,  
it is *not* a friendly

one]

I suppose nothing  
passed which made  
you think Ld Stanley  
had been "at " him.

ever yours  
F.N.

9002/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil

17/2/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid I must turn over  
Capt. P. Jackson to you -

Even, were Ld de Grey still at  
the W.O., you would do anything  
that can be done better than I.

Perhaps Ld Hartington may  
be accessible to you.

I think Capt. P.J.'s a most  
hard case - We know his services.

It is quite true that I had  
the promise he refers to - from  
Ld de Grey verbally & from Capt  
Galton in writing.

But *I* can do no more.

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9002/7 initialed memorandum, 1f, pencil

*Parian Cement*  
(Keating's Patent)

the one we recommend

is procured from the manufacturers  
Messrs. Francis - Bros  
Nine Elms

&

17 Gracechurch St

from whom every information can be obtained

The price of the coarse - used for the first coat  
is 3/ per bushel.

The price of the fine - for the finishing coats  
is 6/ per bushel.

A bushel of coarse Parian with an equal  
portion of clean washed sharp sand is  
sufficient for 2 ½ yards supl of Plastering  
half an inch thick, and one Bushel of fine  
Parian mixed pure will be sufficient  
for the setting coat on the same area -

24/2/66

F.N.

9002/8 unsigned note, 2ff, pen {arch: ? Feb 19 66}

*St. Thomas' Hospital*  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

PRIVATE

*Mr. W.'s opinion*

"That 2 or 3 gentlemen of *high*  
character who would *take*  
*an interest in the work,*  
men who *can speak & are*  
*not afraid to do so & who*  
can *devote a little time*  
to the service

e.g. Sir Harry Verney MP.

Mr. J. Bonham Carter

MP

Mr S. Smith  
of Combe

should become Governors of  
the Hospital; if three or

"four such persons would *only hang together*, in a *very short* time the whole ~~world~~ would be left to their arrangement - And you might depend upon it that the powers that now be would insensibly defer to better men. x x

"At present Lord Leven stands alone - He is not exactly suited to compete *single handed* with the tradesmen who attend the Committees & General Meetings. x x x

"Ld Leven, being on the Grand Committee, could,

"when the annual selection takes place (on or about the July Court) be able to nominate one or more of your men (Governors) to act on the Grand Committee - and by this means in a short time to upset the present Clique."

9002/9 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

I gave Papa                      April 6/66  
£20 for the            35 South Street, {printed address}  
washing.                Park Lane,  
   London. W.

Dearest mum

The Governesses' paper  
is unquestionably yours.  
For they do not send *me*  
one. But, further than  
this, I never vote  
for any Institution  
whatever. I never  
subscribe to anything,  
except on condition  
of my having *no* vote.  
[If I did not stoutly  
adhere to this, my  
whole life would be  
taken up with being  
canvassed & canvassing.]

The worst of it is that  
many Institutions,  
especially the Incurables,  
have actually kept  
my name on, even  
after I had withdrawn  
my subscription - on  
account of the voting  
- saying that my name  
was of more use than  
my money. And the  
degree to which I am  
pestered with those  
wretched Incurables  
is past belief.

But I never vote.

Dearest mum: I always  
like *your* "letters," (however  
much ~~you~~ I am "pressed".)  
Because you are the  
*only* person who write  
to me without requiring  
an answer. And  
that is the real secret  
of writing to the sick -  
write to them things  
which don't require  
an answer.

[1:181]

Every body else write  
to me questions.

[end 1:181]

As for the one legged girl  
at Sherfield, of course  
I give her up - If you  
think well just to write

& say "that I have  
enquired & cannot  
serve her" - as short  
& general as possible -  
it might be right.  
But even that may  
not be necessary.

My new maid is come  
- not promising. But  
it is early days to  
judge. I shall be  
curious to know what  
Tem: writes to Webb  
about her - She has  
never been in service  
before & is 52.

I hope Papa is well again  
ever dearest mum Your loving Child

9002/10 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [1:334-35]

April 19/66

Dear Pop

I send you a Turner for your birth-day.  
But I think I shall change it for one  
which is coming from Colnaghi but not come.  
So this is only a stand-in=its place -  
to mark the day -

For that scrimpit dud of a lock of  
hair sent to Sabilla Novello, I have a  
sonnet from her sister - [I should have  
had two, ~~but that~~ had you let me send  
the whole lock-]

I suppose Mama must see the  
sonnet - & then let it come back to me,  
please; for I have not read it yet -

I am sending back the two Azaleas -  
They have *behaved nobly* - And I would  
not send them back now, but that I  
think they want "a course". I am as sorry  
to part with them as if they were human  
creatures. Please let them be well done by.

ever thy

F

9002/11 initialled letter, 1f, pencil **[1:335]**

May 4 {arch: '66?}  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest

Sir Harry is so good as to  
offer me your carriage for  
the next fortnight -

But it would not be worth  
while - I might not be  
able to use it more than once  
1. on the days the "Thorn in  
the Flesh" is here, I can do  
nothing else -

And indeed I am always  
worked up to more than my  
full strength -

This is the reason why I can  
*never* do anything *unexpectedly*,  
as to day -

F.

9002/12 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 18/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest

I have just now heard of  
dear Mama's bad  
accident - & was  
just going to write  
to you about it -  
when I received  
the enclosed. I am  
sure Miss Jones  
must be very ill  
to write that - And

I am very sure I am  
doing Mama's  
friendship for her  
the greatest service  
in giving Mama  
the opportunity of  
relieving her -  
Could you telegraph  
to me tomorrow  
whether Lea Hurst  
is empty - whether  
I should write to  
or telegraph to

Fanny Walker - if so,  
should I tell her  
to get in a girl -  
if so - whom -  
or what preparations  
should I tell her  
to make

And perhaps it might  
be desirable for you  
to telegraph to Miss  
Jones too to tell  
her to go -  
But, if Miss Jones

says she cannot go  
till Monday, then  
perhaps it would  
be better (for Fanny  
Walker's comprehension)  
for me to write to  
her, as above, & not  
telegraph to her -  
Is there any wine out? -  
What provisions  
must be got it?  
Please *not* say to  
Miss Jones that I have  
sent you her letter but  
return it to me -

{on top of first page}  
ever your  
F.

9002/13 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Whitsun Eve  
1866

Dearest

I was quite delighted  
with Mama's telegraph.  
I only hope that she  
is receiving as much  
benefit from the  
pleasure she is giving  
as Miss Jones will  
receive from going.  
She cannot go till  
Tuesday - as you will  
see from the letter  
I enclose - which  
I send, because  
Mama will like to  
see the message to  
herself -

Also: I wrote to

Miss Jones, urging her  
to take a Nurse with  
her. [I have been told  
that her life might  
drop any day - & that,  
on the other hand,  
if she takes care, she  
may live to be a strong  
old woman.] You see  
she will take "Sister  
Laura". (Mrs Girdlestone)  
And I am sure  
Mama will be as  
much relieved as  
I am, to feel that  
she has a 'sponsible  
person with her. I  
have made bold to  
write to Miss Jones

& say so -

Also: would Papa  
write me word by  
return of post.

the best train,  
the best station to stop at  
& whether it is needful  
to write & have a  
cab to the station -  
& if so, where am  
I to write -

for Miss Jones &  
Mrs. Girdlestone  
on Tuesday -

I have told Miss  
Jones that I will get  
her this information  
from the primeval  
source -

[Also: Sir Harry was  
so good as to wish  
to take her down to  
Claydon today. I  
knew she could not  
go. I believe she can  
hardly speak. But  
I told her of his invite, because I  
know it would give her such  
pleasure.

This is what she  
alludes to.]

Please not to tell  
Miss Jones I have  
shewn her letters -  
but return them to me

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Perhaps Fanny Walker had  
better be told that there will  
be *two* ladies (on Tuesday).

9002/14 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

May 22/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Your correspondent's **[6:342-43]**  
name - *qua* Islington  
Poor Law Medl= Relief -  
is Dr. Stallard.  
I know of him, but  
not him.  
It is a disgraceful  
state of things - and,  
I believe, far worse,  
in every other London

Parish than Islington.

Islington, at least  
in my day, was  
about the best Board  
of Guardians in  
London -

I do not see what  
good could be done  
by asking a question  
in the Ho: of C.  
Of course Mr. Villiers

would answer that he  
had no official  
information - And  
you would have  
wasted your force,  
which is always a  
pity.

The only thing that  
could be done would  
be: to have a clause  
in the new London  
Poor Law Act.

Unless you stop me,  
I will write to Mr.

Farnall about this,  
without mentioning  
either you or Dr.  
Stallard -

Should they do it, of  
course then it will  
be everything to us  
to have the support  
of M.P.s -

The state of things is so  
terrible that something  
must be done -

It is like the Colonial

state of things: in  
    taking money for  
    Licenses to sell Poison.  
-which again is like  
Vespasian, who said  
the money did not  
"smell" which had  
*blood* upon it, provided  
it brought coin into  
his Treasury - or  
something to that effect -  
God forbid that we  
should have reached  
the days of the Roman

Empire -

    I have heard from  
my mother, tho' not  
of her own hand - &  
from Parthe. Webb  
says my mother is  
a great deal better  
[She writes or rather dictates, just like  
herself -] I think  
a good deal of  
Webb's opinion, tho'

I confess I was very  
much alarmed  
at my mother's age,  
at the consequences of  
such a fall -  
    ever yours gratefully  
    F.N.

9002/15 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {arch: '66}

May 23

My dear Sir Harry

    I hope if it is any convenience for Capt.  
Verney to meet you here to luncheon, he will  
not require an invitation -

    I believe I am going to receive the  
Communion on Sunday at 3. Shall you be in  
London? - And, if so, would you like to come? -  
    yours ever  
    F.N.

9002/16 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:181]

Dearest mum

I was very thankful to  
have your little bit, written  
by Aunt Mai.

Also - to hear from  
Sir Harry of you -

You have such beautiful  
weather at Embley - [And  
here - it is a bitter  
blighting East] that I  
hope, as I hear from Sir  
Harry, that you get out  
in the garden, it will  
do you good. It *ought*,  
by the beautiful Azaleas

I have had from Embley.

You know that Jack  
has accepted a Treasury  
Lordship -

I wish, dearest mum,  
that you would consult  
Mr. Taylor now & then,  
to please me - I need  
not tell you who know  
him so much better  
than I, that he is a  
safe & simple man,  
& with real genius  
about some things -

Emily Verney is in London,

as you know. She  
called here yesterday -  
but I was not able to  
see her. They say she  
is looking so well -

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

May 30/66

I have got a dreadful  
little Swede to look  
after, come here to  
learn to be a Matron.  
She ought to have  
learnt English first.

9002/17 initialled letter, 4ff and envelope, pen [1:182-83]

May 31/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest mum

I forgot to say that I  
sent your "Alex: Scott" &  
"Monckton Milnes" by  
Monday's box.

I read A. Scott with  
the greatest pleasure &  
interest - and I presumed  
to mark it - hoping  
that it would have not  
the less interest for you,  
my dearest mum, if  
your poor old child  
had marked it. I  
know Papa justly dislikes  
books being scribbled on  
But I thought these

were for your own special  
reading.

What a life-time it  
seems to me since I  
knew Alex: Scott -  
hard upon 30 years.

I was glad to see: -  
"The aisles of blessed Peter  
Are open all the year" -  
my old friend, again.  
We have the most  
inveterate East wind  
& gloom here I ever  
knew.

Revd Mother is better.  
But I fear that her  
life, like mine, is a  
burden to her - that is,  
each step of the day's  
work is a burden -

I hope I am a help  
to Sir John Lawrence -  
For indeed the cool  
way people speak of  
his immense difficulties  
& the intense way  
in which *he* feels  
them *himself*, make  
me mad with the  
desire of helping him.

Should you ever have

to spend August &  
September at Embley,  
dearest mum - [May  
the time be long first  
- I hope you will,  
for *many* years &  
*many more*, go on  
spending the autumn  
at Lea Hurst. God  
forbid that it should  
be otherwise] But  
if you should ever  
spend August &  
September at Embley,  
I might perhaps  
come & spend them  
with my dearest mother

if I live.

I think I shall live,  
somewhat on the  
principle that the  
Jew thought Roman  
Catholicism must  
be true, on the ground  
that it had survived  
the horrors of Rome.

So I think, I *must* live  
some time longer,  
because I have  
survived the suffering  
of last winter.

I don't suppose the  
journey to Embley  
would kill me - if  
I had some man to

arrange it entirely for  
me.

I shall never go to  
Hampstead again,  
now the Sutherlands  
are gone -  
I could not leave  
London before  
Parliament is up -

For all Government  
purposes, Norwood  
is quite as far as  
Embley.

Sutherland may be  
sent to the  
Mediterranean for  
Inspections in  
August & September.

In that case, it would  
be just as easy for  
me to do the Government  
Indian work for  
those two months  
at Embley, if I only  
could once get there.

But all this is a  
castle in the air.  
God only knows -  
And I know that  
I hope it will be  
many, many years  
before you spend  
your autumns at  
Embley.

Ever my dearest  
Mum's loving child

F.

[cut off]

came to Embley, it  
would have this  
advantage, that I  
should get rid of  
the dirty old prig,  
Delany, for the time,  
& bring only Temperance

F.N.

{postmarked envelope} London MY 30 66

[not FN:] F Nightingale  
to her mother

May June/66

[FN:] Mrs. Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

9002/18 initialed note, 1f, pencil {arch: ?May 1866}

Would you tell Sir Harry  
that I gladly avail  
myself of his kind offer  
to let me write a letter  
to him (to shew) about Dr.  
Muir -

I had not his letter in  
time for last Thursday -  
but will do so soon -

Also: I will return his  
Saugor letter, as soon as I  
have ascertained what  
definite hope there  
might be - for a Poor Law.

I will not shew it.

Our Govt affairs }  
as bad as possible} F.N.

9002/19 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: May 1866}

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

My dear

I shall be delighted for  
Tem: to go somewhere to night  
- the more so as my  
housemaid goes to morrow  
to a sick sister for a week.  
And Tem: will have no  
other opportunity - as we  
shall again be only 3 maids -  
F.

9002/20 initialed letter, 1f pen

Dear

Today & tomorrow  
I am so busy (& so ill)  
that tho' I should like  
much better to hear  
Sir H. read them, I  
am afraid I cannot.

Could you let me  
have the Notes to look  
at myself. And I  
will return them  
punctually (tomorrow  
if right to do so)

F.N.

9002/21 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

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

Dearie

I was very sorry to hear (*after*  
you were gone last night)  
that you were so ill= lodged -

If you will stay here to-night,  
there is the room over my room  
& the back drawing -room  
for you & Julie -

As your goods are here,  
there would be only your few  
things to send for from the  
Hotel-

Please say, if you stay, what  
time you will dine - & if Sir H.  
will dine with you -

F.N.

9002/22 signed letter, 1f, pen

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

Dear Sir Harry

I feel it such a very  
difficult thing to write a  
letter about my nuns -

And I don't feel at  
all sure that this will do

No public use is to be  
made of it, of course -

I would re-write it, if  
you liked -

Many thanks for Lord  
de Grey's evidence (China  
Committee)

I hope to see Emily  
before she goes. To-day I

am overdone with business.

I have good accounts  
from Embley - My mother  
writes herself -

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

9002/23 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Dearie

What *did* Dingly come for?

She was expressly told by Mrs. Sutherland not to come - that she would be written to -

It is just this sort of thing which makes my maid's life impossible - these women forcing themselves into the house - & just upsetting me when I am already overdone -

If she could not wait & wanted her characters, why could she not write?

If she does these sorts of things, she is not the woman for me -

[I have seen H. Richardson & she is going to consult with the Reeves tomorrow - about Dingly] ~~They say she is coarse~~

I shall write to Mrs Fowler's woman to ask some questions to day unless I hear from you some better excuse for {written vertically} Dingly's invasion.

9002/24 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: ?1867? March, May-June? 1866}

*Private*

Dear Sir Harry

Many thanks about poor Capt Jackson. Would you kindly write to him for me? -

=  
about Mr. E. Hart's Workhouse [6:350] Infirmaryes -

what they want (or ought to want) is not your money but your name as M.P.

you are perhaps aware that this is the very thing I have been working at with the Poor Law Board - an uniform London "Hospital & Asylum" rate for the Workhouse sick, to be placed under a central administration.

Of course whether they carry this  
or not depends on the Ho: of  
C. And therefore your name  
as M.P. would be invaluable.

Of course E. Hart wrote to me -  
not merely for my name but  
my opinion

I put him off with a vague letter  
(because I think, as I am working  
privately, it would be damaging  
the very cause I am working for,  
to seem to be agitating publicly)

This is quite different, of course, for  
a M.P.

You probably know that Mr. Hart

is the Editor of the "Lancet" -  
that the "Lancet" has had a  
Commission for investigating  
London Workhouse Infirmaries  
And Mr. Hart, in his letter to me,  
recalls to me that I was the  
author of this Commission.

But this does not change my  
opinion - I mean, that I had better  
not appear -

But the more M.P.'s they get, of  
course the better.

9002/25 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

June 4/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest

I was very glad to  
have your letter  
about Mama -

This is only to say: -  
do make the garden  
send me azaleas -  
I have only 3 (flowers)  
When I complained  
of lilac Rhodos, it

was not because I  
was "a despiser of  
seasons," or thought  
lilac Rhodos came  
instead of red -  
but that they came,  
instead of *Azaleas*.  
Mr. Compton once  
sent me (he only  
sent me flowers  
once) a sheet of  
yellow, *flame-coloured*,  
(like Guido's pictures)

white Azaleas, when  
Hill sent me only  
lilac rhodos, which  
only do (for a room)  
when in the midst  
of yellow Azaleas.  
I want a *sheet* -  
When I remember  
what used to be at  
Embley. And I have  
been obliged to  
furbish up some  
a fortnight old

==  
Also I want Strawberries

I don't think Sir  
Harry looks well -  
*not ill*. But  
he looks as if he had  
not enough to eat  
& that was not  
digestible

ever your  
F.

9002/26 initialled letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 66} [6:264-65]

June 5  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have been thinking  
with great desire of your  
kind proposal to speak  
to Mr. Villiers about the  
Liverpool Workh: Governor.  
But I am afraid it  
won't do.

1. because Miss A. Jones  
& her Staff have no  
recognized position  
(e.g. her appointment  
has not been recognized  
by the P.L. Board -)  
there is no real tenable  
ground upon which  
Mr. V. could interfere.  
[Mr. Farnall is quite

cognizant of the Governor's  
conduct - (tho' I have  
not told him some  
curious little anecdotes)  
I don't think *he* thinks  
he could interfere]

We are in truth attempting,  
rather against the  
grain of the Liverpool  
Vestry, to introduce,  
*solely on sufferance*,  
a better system of  
Hospital (Workhouse) Nursing  
- *on sufferance* until  
its usefulness is proved

And, having done so, I am  
now trying to get a  
definite position for  
Miss Agnes Jones, so that

Mr Carr (the Governor) may  
no longer interfere maliciously.  
If he then continued  
doing so, we might  
consider of an appeal  
to Mr. Villiers.

At present (*I believe*) the  
Liverpool Vestry would  
be only too glad to get  
rid of us - if they had  
a pretext. And an  
appeal to the P.L. Board  
might give it them.

[But I am quite sure  
we shall have to come  
to you, & your kind  
mediation with Mr.  
V. At last].

2. I don't think Miss Agnes  
Jones *could* appear against  
the Governor

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I should be very glad  
to hear what you think  
of last night & of  
the prospects of Govt= -  
& of war - & about  
omnibus rebus & quibusdam [almost everything & something more besides]  
alliis  
ever yours gratefully  
F.N.

9002/27 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

June 6/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest

Sir Harry is quite  
earnest that you should  
stay at Embley even  
another week, if you  
think best.

ever your  
F.

75 years this day Sidney  
Herbert wrote to me the  
telegraphic news of Cavour's  
death. With those words  
I told you of -  
How are the mighty changed!

9002/28 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

June 13/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear

1. please read Mr.  
Rathbone's letter. I have  
no Photo: of myself - If  
you could send me "TEN  
"Photo:s" of myself, & me  
write the "autographs",  
that would be the shortest  
way. [I had much rather  
give myself to his ten Nurses  
than to the Queen] If  
you can't, please send  
me the address he  
wants "to the photographer  
"who has the best one  
"of me." Poor man! he

is in a terrible scrape -  
- 2. I send you a most  
satisfactory account of  
Mama from Mr.  
Taylor, to whom, as  
I told you, I wrote.  
But it does not  
help me in the least  
as to whether I ought  
to do anything to  
encourage her to stay  
at Embley this year -  
rather the reverse.

Please return me both  
Mr. Taylor & Mr. Rathbone,  
with your answers to  
both, if you can

ever yours

F.

I was so sorry not to be  
able to see Emily -  
[another time, I hope].  
I am glad to hear that  
Freddy has passed his  
*Mods.*  
See how "up" I am.

9002/29 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

June 16/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

I have a terrible Visitor  
coming here from Sunday  
*July* I till Friday [I don't  
mean he is coming to my  
house, but he expects me  
to make all the  
arrangements with the  
Poor Law Board &c for  
him to see the whole  
working of our Workhouse  
System]

It is M. Husson, Director  
of the Assistance Publique  
at Paris - one of the best  
administrators in Europe.  
I have already begun to  
get him introductions &c.

9002/30 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

June 16/66

In regard to a suggestion  
that the Quarter Master Genl should  
make Officers understand  
that they have full powers & that it  
is known that they have full powers -  
to provide safe accommodation for troops  
- & that they will be supported by the  
Govt at home in doing so: -  
it is said  
the state of anarchy in the War Office  
must be remedied first -  
what is wanted is the entire re-casting of  
the system of the War Office -  
this required re-casting has already been  
proposed to the Treasury by Lord de Grey

-there is a Committee before which some  
of the most important parts of the  
reform will come -

There should be a proper Officer (with  
the troops) representing the War Office  
to do everything necessary for the care  
& comfort of the troops. *His* should  
be the responsibility to incur expenditures  
& the full powers -

Genl Brown's evidence is very significant  
as to this point:

viz: that the Govt at home will pay  
but says: -'don't do it again' -  
(as things are at present managed)

9002/31 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [1:758]

June 21/66

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

My dear Sir Harry

If *Mrs. Young* would like  
my cat (it is a she - 3/4 thoro'-  
bred) about 8 months old,  
I should be rather glad to  
send her down directly - by  
Rail - if you would kindly  
indicate the way, so that she  
should not be left to  
be thirsty in a basket  
this hot weather longer  
than necessary - I did  
not like to trouble you with  
her. She has just lost her kits,  
which it was an act of the grossest immorality  
in her to have at so tender an age, at all.  
== Capt. Galton says: - (of his  
Evidence before you) -  
"I made as many of the

"most positive assertions as I  
"could - all of which  
"were contradicted by  
"every other witness" -

Please burn this -

The consternation &  
agony of hurry in  
Govt= offices at a  
time like this must  
be seen to be believed -

ever yours

F.N.

9002/32 initialled letter, 3ff, pen

*Burn*

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

June 22/66

5 p.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I have *just* got your  
note. Many thanks  
about the cat. She  
shall come by the  
11 o'clock tomorrow  
morning, as you are  
so good as to have  
her met -

The strong **[6:343]**  
impression on the  
part of Govt=  
evidently is that

they will go out -

They are winding  
up their affairs,  
exactly as in the case  
of a Bankruptcy;  
And I cannot  
describe to you what  
the confusion is -  
Last night in the  
thunderstorm I  
had to be sending  
papers to their  
offices - both to  
Lord de Grey & Ld  
Hartington, from

both of whom letters  
have been sent to  
me to the above  
effect. And whom  
do you think my  
main-stay in this  
turmoil? Temperance.  
It is she who  
drives backwards  
& forwards in  
cabs with my  
letters & papers  
I can't help  
clinging to the hope  
that there may be

a Reconstruction -  
tho' my Ministers  
evidently don't  
expect it.

Lord de Grey will  
not "put forward"  
Sir. J. Lawrence's  
papers. He says  
it would be  
unconstitutional -  
And this, after  
wasting his five  
months' Ministry  
at the India Office.  
[But it is true.]  
They make me  
write pretty nearly

all day & night.

I expect we shall  
lose the London  
Workhouse Infirmary  
Bill, if Mr. Villiers  
goes out -

Please burn -  
ever yours  
F.N.

The Q. does not come  
till Tuesday. All  
mouths are open  
against her, even  
to scandal.

9002/33 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

{arch: offering to come  
from 1st week in Aug 66  
to Sept 2nd or 3rd week  
6 or 7 weeks}

June 23/66

Dearest mum

Thanks a thousand  
times for your great  
wish to set my mind  
at ease about coming  
to Embley.

My "mind" is just  
this: - from the first week  
of August to the third week  
of September is the only  
time I can dispose of -

If you were to stay at  
Embley *on your own*

account, I would come.  
But, as I am sure  
that Lea Hurst braces  
you & does you good -  
& as I am sure it is  
for Papa's happiness  
that you should go -  
- rather than keep you  
at Embley, I would  
think whether it would  
be possible for me to  
undertake the journey  
to Lea Hurst.

The Last report from  
the War Office to-night  
(Saturday) was: - Ministers

stay in Dissolution in  
autumn.  
But it is only a report.  
Cabinet Ministers know  
nothing till Tuesday  
But, whether they stay in  
(as I most fervently hope)  
or go out, - there is not  
a chance of business  
allowing me to move  
before August - before  
Parliament is up, in  
fact - IF *then*.  
I do not dread the journey  
whether to Embley or Lea Hurst,  
so much as you think.  
with you at the end of  
it - I don't believe

it will do me as much  
harm as moving to  
Hampstead, (house, furniture  
& maids,) without a  
man to help me, has  
done me ever since  
1861. I have  
always lost the whole  
3 months at Hampstead  
in recovering the move.  
7 weeks' clear rest at  
home, without a household,  
-even with two journeys -  
will do me less harm, I  
believe - than that.  
I think I have now told you  
the facts exactly as they  
stand - And I gladly  
leave you to decide.  
dearest mum -  
    ever your loving  
    child F.

9002/34 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pencil

June 28/66

Last Day's Evidence of China (H. of Troops)

Commee

curious but adds little to our information

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Gibson's fixes error of judgment on P.M.O. in not coming back to Hong Kong & bringing or sending Surgeons from Japan & also on Genl Guy Rowland says in the same breath that Hong Kong is very unhealthy is perfectly healthy, & that he was obliged to take so much quinine that he is still deaf with it (5 years after)

He apparently implicates Genl Guy infor not taking responsibility enough on himself

But [He is a "queer fish"]

Robertson (who is quite trustworthy) implies they ought to have been able to hire anything they wanted - at least in the way of Hospital accommodation.

Cox proves that Moody had power if he had chosen to exert it *not* to have sent the men to Kowloon.

The gist of the whole matter is this: -  
The same thing would happen again "at the shortest notice"

There is nobody to hang, except perhaps

Genl Guy - for a few minutes - *not* till ~~he is hung~~ - just enough *not* to hang him.

The conclusion is:

You must now provide a good Hospital & Barracks at Kowloon

& improve those at Hong Kong.

& by all means have a more definite system of responsibility - arranged between Officers Commanding & the W.O. at all foreign Stations

Suppose as follows: -

*S. of S. for War* to Commandg Officer going to  
Hong Kong -

In giving you this appointment, remember  
that I will hold you personally  
responsible for every man who dies  
out there -

*Commg Officer*

May I do anything ~~I may~~ which in consultation  
with my Principal Medl & Engineering  
Officer I may consider necessary? for  
securing the health of the men?

*S. of S.*

Yes: - provided you are not prevented  
by superior Military necessity -

*Commg Officer*

Am I to understand that I may  
incur any necessary expence in this  
duty - provided I explain clearly all

the reasons for incurring the expence?

*S. of S.*

Certainly

*Commg Officer*

On this understanding which  
should be communicated to me in  
writing, I accept.

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This would be making the best of the  
present bad system.

But it would be evidently better  
to have some Officer *representing*  
*the* W.O. who would be responsible  
for all *material* appliances of health  
(Barracks, Hospitals, Rations, Clothing,  
&c) & who would be  
authorized as part of his ordinary  
duty to incur the required cost  
[There should be one such officer at every Station  
or group of Stations].

9002/35 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear                      Friday {arch: 4? June '66}

    You never told me what  
Colnaghi said - Nor are the  
Babies come - nor the Turners.

    If Sir H. could look in upon  
me about 2 or 3 *to-day* - not that  
I have anything to say - but I  
am curious to hear the prospects  
from last night - Lord Stanley  
writes to me "My hands are  
rather full" which in *him*  
I consider to be a state of

[5:521]

mental enthusiasm bordering  
on dangerous excitement -  
                                F.N.

[end 5:521]

R.S.V.P.

    about Sir Harry  
I am afraid tomorrow I  
    shall be busy *all* day.

9002/36 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

                                Saturday

    Perhaps I am quixotizing - but I can hardly help  
saying, with regard to Emily's Drawing-room -  
I hope it will depend not only on her own health  
but on the state of the weather next week -

    Weather here since Wednesday" -  
Wind N.E.

Sky - dense universal cloud, tho' no fog-

    This morning, hot sun, tho' the sky still one grey.

Wind due E. probably quite clear in the  
country - in London the most dangerous weather  
of all -

    This afternoon - hot, close, sky one dense cloud  
- wind N.E.

    In 10 consecutive *Junes* I have spent in London, I never remember  
such an one

9002/37 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?June 1866}

Monday

Dear

I have heard this morning  
both from Lea Hurst & Sir H -  
Probably you have too -

Mama does not go to Claydon  
but comes to 32 on *Friday*  
*next* for "10 days or a fortnight"

Papa gives up coming to me  
on this account, which I am  
rather sorry for -

Sir H. - says he will be here  
"on his way through London"  
to-day or tomorrow, (wishing  
to see me). I will send you  
his letter which is merely  
political when I have had time to read it thoroughly. It is dated  
Saturday. Villas Collerets.

I can't conceive where the  
Mohls are. I had a letter from

her but a few days ago - *since*  
 M. Mohl's return - in which  
 she did not say a word  
 of either of them leaving  
 Paris - On the contrary. I feel quite uneasy.  
 ever your  
 F.

How ill Miss Cunningham looks  
 how unequal to an Indian life.  
 how little up to an enterprise,  
 either in body or mind - I  
 felt when I saw her that  
 I was more equal to going  
 to India that she - tho' I  
 was quite worn out by 3/4 hour  
 interesting talk.

9002/38 Letter to F.N. from Sebastiano Fenzi

Florence 21 June 1866

Dear Madam

Many kind thanks for your beautiful letter. My brother Carlo read it and when he came towards the end his large blue eyes filled with tears.

I beg to enclose his official papers which constitute the very small tribute of our heart felt thanks

The kind left us this morning at 5 o'clock for the camp--all Florence wast here on his passage to wish him God speed. The cheers sounded loud and long in the morning air, and they who heard them felt that they came indeed from the core of every Italian heart. It is a wretched thing, but a nation such as ours, the ancient ruler of the world, has a right to have recourse to it, to at length, vindicate its long lost freedom and independence. Such a moment as this is great and solemn illeg! Italy has at length the strength within itself to call out to mortal combat that hard and ignoble power which more than any other has been the cause of its miseries and shames!!

My only regret is that though in good health and strong I cannot girth round me my good sword but must needs remain a passive spectator of what is now happening without being allowed to stake my life on the altar of my beloved and glorious country.

Again thanking you for your very great kindness I beg to remain, my dear Madam, your ever sincerely obliged, Sebastiano Fenzi.

...P.S. My wife who is an English lady would beg of you to kindly allow her to possess your photograph given by yourself to her. We shall prize it with more love, admiration and veneration than our people here keep the image of the Virgin Mary, and if you allow us, we shall send you a photograph in return of ourselves and our *eight* children! ...send photo to Robert Heath Esq 31 Old Jewry... he will forward

initialled note at end of letter by F.N., 1f, pencil

If Parthe likes to send  
the lady my photograph,  
"Barkis is willing" -  
    And I am quite  
    agreeable to having  
    theirs -  
        F.N.  
        7/7/66

9002/39 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:183-84]

Dearest mum

    I hear Parliament  
will certainly not be  
up before the 10th August.

    I of course, am busier  
than ever.

    But there are hopes  
this most wicked war  
is over.

    I have heard from  
the Crown Princess of  
Prussia (Princess Royal)

    You know your little  
favourites, Sam & Rosie  
are going to Lea Hurst  
on Friday. Rosie said

to me "I am going on  
Friday to see my  
Aunt Fanny," (with  
great emphasis.)  
Surely you will not  
disappoint her by  
not going to Lea Hurst.

And the by-standers  
said, "She is so fond  
of her Aunt Fanny".

But, wherever my  
dearest mum is, I  
hope to be with her  
about the middle  
of August.

The weather here is  
detestable: constant

leaden East wind fog.

    You know the rioters  
pulled down half a  
mile of railing here  
into Park Lane on

Monday night.

It was the most  
pathetic, interesting  
night I have spent  
for 6 months -  
so much good energy  
wasted -  
so little spite &  
violence in their  
struggling -  
so much less harm  
done than at sight=  
seeings (like the D. Of

Wellington's funeral) -  
where lives are  
recklessly lost -  
so much care for the  
women & children -  
For my part, tho' I saw  
stones thrown, &  
three bonfires, I  
thought it a very  
instructive spectacle  
Ever my dearest mum's  
loving child  
F.

I hear that Parthe is  
better than ever she  
was in her life.  
July 25/66

9002/40 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 25 July 66}

Dearest mother

I hear Part will  
certainly not be up before  
the 10 of Aug

I of course am better  
than ever

But there are hopes this  
most wicked war is over

I have heard from the  
Crown Princess

You know your little  
favourites Sam & Rosie  
are going to Lea Hurst  
on Friday. Rosie said  
to me "I am going on

Friday to see *my* aunt

Fanny (with great  
emphasis) surely you  
will not disappoint  
her by not going to LH  
& the by stander said  
"she is so fond of her  
At Fanny but wherever  
my dearest m is I hope  
to be with her about the  
middle of Aug.

The weather here is  
detestable constant  
London East wind fog  
You know the rioters  
pulled down half a  
mile

of railing here into high  
Park Lane on Monday  
night  
It was the most  
pathetic interesting  
night I have spent  
for 6 months  
so much good energy  
wasted  
so little spite & violence  
in their struggling  
so much less harm done  
than at sight seeing  
(like the D of Wellingtons  
firmness [?] where lives are  
recklessly lost -  
so much case for the  
women & children

For my part tho' I saw  
stones thrown & three  
bonfires I thought it a  
very instructive spectacle  
Ever my dearest M's  
                    loving child  
                                    F.

July 25/66

9002/41 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

July 26 {arch: 65}

Dearest mum

I was very sorry that  
you were so much  
disturbed about the  
riots - but I was  
*exceedingly* glad to see  
Watson, who told me  
so much more about  
you than I am able  
to hear, except from  
Parthe, generally.

About Lea Hurst,  
I will write more by

post.

You know there is  
nothing I should like  
better than that you  
should go to Lea Hurst  
this year.

I am sure that  
nothing will be easier  
than to find you a  
house to stay in in  
London - [every body  
is gone]. And Parthe  
means to come up to  
London for the first  
week in August - so  
that you & she might

be together.

And I am quite  
sure that nothing  
will please me better  
than to go to *Lea Hurst*  
to see my dearest  
mum.

I am not in the  
least afraid of the  
journey.

The nursery & nursery  
bed-room would be,  
of all things, at Lea Hurst  
what I should like  
best.

But I think it may

be quite the beginning  
of September before  
business allows me  
to move - we are so  
very busy with the  
new Minister now -  
    x I will write by post  
Ever my dearest mum's  
    loving child  
        F.N.

x And therefore I should  
be doubly sorry if  
you were to stay all  
through August at  
Embley.

9002/42 signed letter, 6ff, pen [6:350]

*Private* July 26/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
    Park Lane,  
        London. W.

My dear Sir Harry  
    I write to you, instead  
of to Parthe, because  
I have no time - an  
odd reason.

    Last night late, to  
my infinite horror,  
(for I thought it was  
because Mama had  
had a fit,) arrived  
Watson the butler  
from Embley. Poor  
mother had been so  
frightened by the  
accounts about the riots

that she sent him up  
to bring me back!!  
However, I was very  
glad to have a  
long conversation  
with him, in which  
I gleaned, I believe,  
a much clearer idea  
of Mama's state than  
I could have had  
otherwise.  
I feel quite sure that  
there is no real  
reason against her  
going to Lea Hurst  
- & that she would  
be very glad to be

induced to do so. But  
she wishes to come to  
London. Now I am  
sure that nothing  
would induce her  
to do so so much  
as to hear that  
Parthe was coming  
to London for a week  
& would take a  
house with her -  
[There must be houses  
now to be let &  
whole Hotels.

I don't think it  
would do, for poor  
mother to come HERE  
tho' I did at one time

think it possible. But she turns night into day. And my business has so much increased that I am sure the additional care would render me incapable]

I believe she would be ready to come to town in a week -

She has an idea that the accommodation at Lea Hurst would not do for me - Now I don't know any better rooms in the world for an Invalid than the Nursery & nursery bed-room at {word cut off}

All things considered, I think, if Parthe, without mentioning Watson at all, would urge all these things upon her, - nothing would have more effect.

I feel that, if she does not go this year, she will never again - that her usual inertia, coupled with a fear about me, are what prevent her going - that the hope of meeting Parthe at

[2]

32 - or, 32 failing, at  
some other house in London -  
[there must be plenty  
to be had now -] would  
be a main inducement  
- coupled with the certainty  
that I should like to  
go to Lea Hurst, (which  
I should)  
I think it very probable  
that I shall not be  
able to leave London  
till September 1.  
[I have had letters  
from Mr. Gathorne Hardy  
& Ld Cranborne, to the

effect that they must  
communicate with  
me, after Parliament  
is up]

This would be another  
reason for my  
poor mother not  
waiting out August  
at Embley for me.  
(when I don't think  
there is a chance of  
my being free till  
September.) Change  
of Ministers has  
just doubled my work.  
I have sent Watson back  
to Embley, telling him  
as much as I dared

of this. He himself asked me *not* to say: - that they (the servants) were convinced Mama's reason for staying at Embley was to receive me.

He also said, what I knew before, that no one had the influence over Mama "that Lady Verney had". Of course I have written to Mama on my side.

*Please burn -*

{printed address: }ever yours  
35 South Street, F. Nightingale  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

P.S.

I am afraid Mme Schwabe, poor helpless thing, has got no advertisement in the "Times", after all, about her sick & wounded.

==  
One more thing about my mother.

I most earnestly desire that she should go to London & Lea Hurst.

But if she came to London upon my account she would stay till I was ready to go to Lea Hurst.

[3]

(which may not be  
till September)  
Now it is quite  
impossible for me to  
undertake this  
additional responsibility  
- or one additional  
care (or talking) for  
the month of August.

I hope therefore  
she would leave  
London, when Parthe  
does, if Parthe comes.

~~F.N.~~

[She told Watson that she  
"hoped to go to 32  
with Lady Verney"]  
Therefore, you see, she

~~F.N.~~

has not given up the idea  
of London - & would gladly  
come to be with Parthe,  
I believe, Please burn  
at some  
other house F.N.  
than 32.

9002/43 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

July 27/66

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

Dearest mum

I wrote in such a  
hurry by Watson that  
I want to say over  
again what I said  
by him.

I do earnestly hope  
that my dearest mum  
will go to Lea Hurst,  
if at all equal to it.  
I shall certainly be  
quite equal to go to  
Lea Hurst. I do not

think there is much  
chance now of my  
being able to leave  
London till the  
beginning of September,  
because there is so  
much business for  
us, both at the  
Poor Law Board &  
India Office, owing  
to new Ministers,  
after Parliament is  
up, (which is not

till August 10.) Therefore  
I should be doubly  
sorry, if my dearest  
mum, were to be  
waiting at Embley  
for me all August.  
London is so empty  
now that there would  
be no difficulty in  
getting you a  
house or half a  
Hotel close by here.  
[You know that 32 is  
to be let *beyond*  
August 1.] But Parthe

is coming to town at  
the beginning of  
August, for a night or two, so Sir Harry  
told me. And  
perhaps you & she  
could take a house  
or part of a Hotel  
together for a week  
or two, so as to  
enable you to see  
Doctors -  
I write in haste,  
merely to convince  
my dearest mum  
that I am *quite* as

ready to go to Lea  
Hurst as to Embley -  
& that there is  
nothing in the world  
I shall like so  
well as the Nursery  
& Nursery bed=  
room at Lea Hurst.

I will write again.  
Ever my dearest  
mum's loving child

F.

There is no more  
rioting - nor a  
shadow of it.

9002/44 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Burn            July 28/66  
                         35 South Street,  
                         Park Lane,  
                         London. W.

My dear Sir Harry,  
1000 thanks for your  
letter.

I must now leave it  
in the hands of others  
to decide about my poor  
mother's moving.

It is impossible for  
me to decide or  
undertake for her  
as well as for myself.

As for myself, I can

make no undertaking  
whatever at present.

I heard this morning        **[6:350-51]**  
that Gathorne Hardy  
wishes to bring a  
Metropolitan Workhouse  
Infirmary Bill  
before the Cabinet  
in November - that  
he gives up his time  
from this to then  
to prepare it.

This, I believe, is no  
secret.

Indeed I think he told  
the deputation so on  
Thursday - [which was  
introduced by Ld  
Grosvenor instead of  
Ld Carnarvon] -

Of course it is a secret  
that he (Mr. Hardy)  
has asked me to  
"Advise & suggest".

And I have kept  
myself quite free  
from the deputation,  
in order to do so -  
tho' I was asked to  
write a letter to be

read by them.

Under these circumstances,  
I should of course,  
make no engagement  
to leave London  
before the Bill was  
prepared - which  
we let slip thro' in  
February & which  
I will not let slip  
through now - even if it lasts  
till November -

[Mr. Villiers comes  
to me on Tuesday.]

*It would be therefore  
folly for poor mother to  
stay at Embley on my  
account.* ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/45 signed letter, 4ff, pen

*Health of Troops* July 28/66  
Committee 35 South Street, {printed address:}  
CHINA Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have received the  
Evidence of H.R.H.  
& the letters from Genl  
Guy & Romaine - which  
three documents are  
a résumé of the whole  
case

H.R.H. disposes  
of the case as against  
Ld de Grey by showing  
that he, the C. in C.,  
was consulted u to  
the customary extent,  
& that Ld de Grey's

policy was precisely the same as that of his predecessors.

Genl Guy shews that he could not have sent the troops to

Japan for two reasons

- 1. that the Marines had not left

- 2. that he could not spare them

He also shews that, if any blame rests, it is on Wyatt, for not

exercising his powers fully.

The reason given by Genl Guy for increase of Guards at Hong Kong is: - that the stores had increased in extent & value.

He clearly shews also that a quick passage brought the troops to Hong Kong from the Cape, before they were expected.

It appears from Romaine's letter that the Marines were not removed from Japan, till long after they were directed to do so.

All of this shows want of unity & co-operation. It is clear that Government must make up their minds what to do with Hong Kong & Kowloon. They should either give

up Kowloon, or make it defensible - with plenty of good Barrack accommodations - as quickly as possible. Your committee have, of course, considered this news & very important matter x before finally printing their report.

N.B. x One of its most curious disclosures is: that Government were never apprised

of the increased number  
(& necessity) of Guards  
from the increased  
number of Black  
guards, (as you  
yourself called them)  
The whole is a melancholy  
tale of dislocation  
& disorganization.  
I think Percy Herbert  
showed his hand  
at the Examn of  
H.R.H. in rather an

unguarded & ill-tempered  
way for a gentleman.

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9002/46 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?July 66}

Tuesday

Dearest

I did not send back  
the Photos to Colnaghi's  
yesterday. Because no  
servant that I have is  
capable of carrying them to  
a cab in the rain without  
letting a drop fall on them -  
or indeed of carrying them  
without bending & dogs earing

I shall send them this  
morning in a cab, because  
I must not keep them  
any longer, unless you are  
going to Colnaghi's -

My only reason for wishing

them to go by you, (besides  
your choosing the two  
babies,) is that Colnaghi  
will understand at once  
from you, what it is  
uncivil to write, that  
the Dresden Photos are  
too bad for civilized  
people -

But I must not keep  
them beyond today

F.

9002/47 initialed note, 1f, pencil

*Army Medical School* {arch: ?1866 July or Aug}

of course the danger is;

in showing my letter:

is Mr. Hardy the sort of man

whose only thought will be -

how did she get to know? -

who told her? the Chief Clerk?

the D.G., or the Under S. of S.?

It so happens, none of the 3 -

[Every one in my world is

talking about it: Dr. Acland

saw it in a newspaper - &c &c &c]

Mr. Hardy is the only man who

can do anything:

but we must not get any one

into trouble

Wellcome Ms 9002

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If you do show Mr. Hardy any part of my letter please write to Dr. Acland that you have done so. F.N.

9002/48 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Pray say what time you will lunch, to suit the trains. And I will have the pleasure of seeing you accordingly - Any time before one or after two will suit me -

Unless I hear to the contrary, I shall suppose 2.30 for your lunch -

Could you see that poor helpless Mme= Schwabe & advise her what to do?

[15:618]

I should have thought she ought to advertise perpetually in the "Times" -

I have only seen *one* advertisement.

[end]

I feel quite puzzled about poor mother - She says now that she will go to Lea Hurst "by the end of August or in September" - And "if F.N. should go to the Hurst" - as if she thought

I were going there without her - [I have not heard from Aunt Mai] & that she would be left at Embley without me - Would you kindly leave this note (enclosed) at Ly Colebrooke's?

ever yours

F.N.

Aug 3/66

9002/49 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Aug 11/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dearest mum

I was so very glad to  
see your hand=writing again,  
&also to think that you  
have enjoyed your  
summer at Embley

I *MAY* be ready to  
leave London in about  
ten days. But I am so  
entirely dependent upon  
my masters that I  
cannot possibly be  
certain of any thing or day.

You must not think

that *I* am hesitating  
as to whether I shall  
go to Lea Hurst or  
Embley.

*Where Thou goest, I  
shall go.*

At whichever place  
you are, when I am  
able to leave London,  
I shall go *there* my  
dearest mum.

But I should be  
sorry indeed if,  
I coming to Embley,

& you intending  
perhaps to have left  
Embley soon after,  
should thereby give  
up Lea Hurst on  
my account.

Because it is not for  
my health, as you  
may be quite sure,  
that I come so far -  
but to see my dearest  
mum - and, if it  
were possible, Papa  
too.

I don't know that I can

say more than this: -  
- I will come to you  
at Lea Hurst or  
Embley, wherever you  
are, when business  
lets me go - & will  
write a day or two beforehand  
ever my dearest mum's  
loving child

F.

I *must* leave it in the  
hands of God to settle  
where - for I am  
quite incapable to  
settle for another  
as well as for  
myself, which is too  
much for me already.

9002/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

Aug 13/66

Dearest mum

I think I shall be able,  
if nothing unforeseen occurs,  
to keep my promise, & to  
come to you within 10 days  
of the breaking up of the  
Session (last week.)

I think I shall be  
able to leave London  
On *Friday* or *Saturday* next,  
the 17th or 18th.

Of course, if Ministers  
give me any work to do,  
I shall stay, (even then) -  
& be obliged to put off again

coming to you.

I will write to ask  
for Watson, so as that he  
may come for me the  
day *before* I start.

As soon as you tell me  
*where* I shall find you,  
I will write to ask  
Bratby to engage for me the kind  
of invalid Railroad  
carriage which poor Mr.  
Clough used always to  
engage for me (I have  
not travelled since his  
death) & which requires  
engaging some days before

the time.

Of course I shall  
travel by the quickest  
train.

I feel that, later, I  
may not be able to  
leave London. And  
therefore I seize, dearest  
mum, the earliest day  
to see you -

ever your loving child  
F.

9002/51 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

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

Aug 13/66

Dear Papa

Mrs. Sutherland's note  
explains my situation as  
I never have been able  
to explain it myself - & as  
my own family have  
never been able to  
understand it. Therefor I enclose it.

*Please return* it to me.

I feel quite worn out -  
& as if I must give up  
housekeeping or work  
before long, without help.

ever your loving child

F.

9002/52 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

Aug 13/66

Dear Papa

Despairing of any  
resolution being taken by  
Mama

[She writes to Mrs. Sutherland  
- "will *Florence* go to Lea  
Hurst or Embley, I  
*wonder?*]

I have written to her to say  
that I will come to HER  
on Friday or Saturday  
next (7 or 18) *wherever*  
she is.  
& that I will write in time

for Watson to come  
the day before.

I fix the time, because I  
feel the day may soon come  
when I may neither be  
able to leave London nor to  
work in London any more.

Perhaps I ought to add,  
that it is quite certain, if  
I wait till 32 is empty, &  
till Mama has been at 32,  
I shall not go at all.

I have written to Combe  
to ask Bratby to hire the kind  
of Rail-road Invalid Carriage  
Mr. Clough used always to

take me in to Malvern -  
 if to be had on Embley  
 rail-road.  
 To go in an Invalid Carriage  
 upon a *truck* always kills  
 a real Invalid at once.  
 I have never travelled since  
 Mr. Clough died.  
 It is a misfortune that none  
 of my own family have  
 ever known what illness  
 was in all their lives.  
 Of course, if work should  
 be sent me, I must put  
 off going even ~~then~~ now.  
 ever dear Pa  
 your loving child  
 F.

9002/53 delivery note, 1f, pen

15/8/66            3 brace partridges  
                      1 hare  
    (carriage paid)  
 R.G. Whitfield Esq  
                      Manor House  
    St Thomas' Hospital  
    Newington  
    London. S.

15/8/66  
    2 brace partridges  
    3 rabbits  
    

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    carriage paid  
 Mr. J. Mitchell  
                      29 Great Percy Street  
    Pentonville  
    London

9002/54 delivery note, 2ff, pen

17/8/66 1 brace partridge  
1 snipe

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Mrs= Douglas Galton  
12 Chester Street  
Grosvenor Place  
London S.W.

17/8/66 2 brace partridges  
1 hare

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W. Clode Esq  
General Register Office  
Somerset House  
London W.C.

1 Hare 1 Leveret  
2 Partridges Oct 23/66  
to Capt. J.S. Field  
Portswood Park  
Southampton

{printed piece of ripped paper:}  
Passenger's China and Glass Works,  
9, High Street, Southampton,  
July 17th, 1866.

Sir,



9002/56 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen {arch: August 66?}, first 2ff not FN hand; the following transcribed 2ff

You ask, *what* is the "seule parole"? [3:377-78]

In the original Spanish, it stands:  
"le père Eternel n'a dit qu'une seule  
parole (qui est son fils); et il la dit  
&c &c"

But I left out the words "qui est  
Son fils"; because I thought they would  
be mistaken; & because I am so weary  
of the perpetual controversy, as to *what*  
"son fils" is.

Oh how I re=echo those wise words: -  
true religion "ne s'occupe plus aujourd'hui  
de contester ou de railler le côté légendaire  
de la mission du Christ;" x x "il s'agit  
d'étendre et d'élever la notion de Dieu,  
que depuis tant de siècles le dogmes  
religieux s'acharnent à renfermer  
dans les étroites limites du symbolisme"  
x x x "Ne perdons point le temps à  
faire le procès à telle ou telle doctrine  
religieuse. Il n'y en a qu'une vraie,  
celle qui nous montre et nous donne  
Dieu."

Oh.' I am weary to death of "losing

the time" in discussing the "miracles", in such sentences as you quote to me of dear good Jowett's, whom I love dearly, but of whom I never could read one word, much less the sentence you quote & the Essay you quote.

"Il n'y en a qu'une vraie, celle qui nous montre Dieu." Is not that exactly the same as "Dieu n'a dit qu'une seule parole, et il la dit continuellement" ? And you ask what that "parole" is? Is it not His *character*, His *will*, His *laws*, His *logos*? What are all those but the same thing?

As a Florentine writer, a woman, one of the Pazzi, in the 16th century, says: "don't you feel within yourself what treasures are contained in these two words "*voluntas Dei*"? She says, "two words". The Spaniard (who makes God speak), says "one word" - "une seule parole".

The idea is the same -  
 But we don't want to hear God say  
 his "seule parole". I really know not  
 one single writer at this present day,  
 who EVER asks: what does God say?

We have been asking very loudly lately:  
 what does Lord Westbury say? -  
 What does the Archbishop of Canterbury  
 say? - what do Wilson & Williams say?  
 What does Jowett say? - what does  
 Colenso say? - & even what Sir  
 Roundell Palmer says - about the  
 character of God?

But, upon my honour I don't  
 believe there is one single English  
 writer who has ever asked: what  
 does God say - about His own  
 character.

I must quote again to you from  
 St. Gertrude, again a woman, writing  
 in German, in the 16th century - (God  
 speaks)

En quoi ferais je éclater ma toute)

puissance, si elle n'avait pas le  
 pouvoir de me renfermer moi même  
 en moi - même dans quelque endroit  
 que je sois, en sorte que je ne sois connu  
 ni aperçu, qu'autant qu'il est à propos  
 selon la circonstance des lieux, des  
 temps & des personnes?" [ie. Tho' He is  
 always saying la "seule parole", yet it  
 takes Centuries for us to understand  
 it - and we shall always be making  
 fresh discoveries in it - but now  
 nobody asks what it is.]

What extraordinary mistakes  
 Luther & St Teresa made as to the  
 character of God! (I use the phrase  
 "character", instead of "word" of God,  
 tho' I like the phrase "word" best,  
 which is an exact translation of  
 the "seule parole" & also of the logos,  
 because you always stop me when  
 I say "word," with asking me whether  
 I mean the Bible & then raising a  
 discussion as to what the Bible is -

[end 3:378]

9002/57 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

Embley Sept. 15/66

Dear Pop

If Papa likes to stay with you till  
Tuesday or Wednesday, I give  
my consent.

I should have been furious,  
if I had had to go back to  
London the third week in  
September - But, as it is,  
"Barkis is willing."

## == About the maid"

[Mama has only this moment given me the letter, so I write in haste.]

I call my "want": -

    a maid to wait upon me &  
to take entire charge of myself

& my tiny household -

    There is not "lady's maid"-ing -  
no "hair-dressing" - no "dress=  
housekeeping making" -

    I keep no housekeeper's  
room -

    A person who is above  
running up & down stairs  
after me, or bringing in my  
tiny meals &c would be  
perfectly useless to me.

    Wages are not the question  
with me - I would give the  
highest wages a lady's maid  
& housekeeper in the highest  
family receives -

And my "maid & housekeeper"  
has certainly less to do than  
a housekeeper in a great  
family - or a lady's maid in a  
gay family.

Still I question whether a housekeeper who has lived in great families (like these mentioned ) would take *my* place - which is like a convent - & no men-servants & no housekeeper's room. no dinners - no visitors -no "London season" -

I would gladly pay her journey down here & back, to see her. And she might sleep at 35 S. St., so as to see the maids & the kind of house, on her way - But till the situation is explained to her, it is vain to ask her.

I have just paid £4 travelling expences, (besides staying at No. 35,) to a maid with the highest recommendation

who, I am certain, came down here merely for the lark - She declined my place, on account of the "stairs" & on account of having to bring in my "meals" - tho' I had explained it all to her before - by letter. and she gave me the expence & trouble of having her here for a week - from Shrewsbury by London = just to tell me this.

Also: I am certain I have seen many maids, who unwittingly showed me the letters from their mistresses, (old friends of ours) recommending my place because I gave "high wages" & because it was an "easy place". They came, intending to do *nothing*. I have kept the maid's

letter, which is much the best written letter I have seen [but then you know one must hear Lady Hartopp's side of the question -it is a disagreeable letter, I think] -

No: on second thoughts I send back both letters.

I think I can only say that, if the maid is both fit & willing to undertake what I want, I would then pay her journey down here to look at her -

But *my* maid has absolutely no mistress but her own conscience. Mine is a confining place - And yet there is almost absolute

liberty -  
Any thing may go on down  
stairs without my knowing  
it.  
And to introduce a  
London housekeeper, with  
principles à la Corser  
(Lady Clarges' maid) among  
my three Puritans would,  
I think, break my heart.  
                  ever your  
                          F.

9002/58 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Embley

Romsey

Sept. 17/66

My dear Sir Harry

By a terrible piece of  
ill-luck, I have only just  
received this letter from  
Sir J. Lawrence, which  
we had been impatiently  
awaiting, dated June 17,  
& forwarded to me by  
the India Off: *July 20*,  
just two months ago.  
Had it not been that  
I see their post mark,  
I should not have  
believed them -as the  
India Off: have yet  
to learn the calendar.

difference between months  
& days -  
It is a most extraordinary  
piece of ill-luck - for  
I have had the most  
worthless letters, with  
every number & every  
street but the right  
one, in the address -  
And yet they always  
reach one -  
If it was the fault of  
Lord What's his name's  
servants, I think it  
was very ill-natured,  
as they knew I lived  
3 ~~days~~ doors off.

The delay of the letter  
has been almost  
destruction to us -

But I don't write  
now to complain -  
only to ask: do you  
think there are other  
letters for me at no. 32?  
[I don't know how  
*this* came to No 35 at  
last. and I don't  
suppose I could find  
out from my maids.]

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A thousand thanks for  
your kind thought  
about the Railroad  
Carriage for me when  
I came down here

I have never thanked you  
for it.  
I ~~really~~ think my mother  
pretty well. I really  
see but little  
alteration in her, I mean.  
ever yours gratefully  
F.N.

9002/59 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

Embley

Romsey

Sept 19/66

My dear Sir Harry

1. I am very glad to think you are going to the Social Science - And I wish I had anything for you to read for me - But I have let all that kind of thing drop thro, I am sorry to say . .

It will be a great benefit your going to Liverpool - I *hope* our Mr. Rathbone will be come back - But I heard from him last week at Keswick.

I heard (not from

himself) that he was quite worn out with organizing the Cholera house= to-house visitation at Liverpool.

2. Papa came back last night. And I have seen him to=day. He looks to me ten years younger. And I am sure his visit to you has given him great pleasure

3. About the maid: - of course one can tell but little from a letter - but *this* maid sounds more promising than Lady Emily Foley's -

tho', whether it is the  
maid or Lady Lucy  
Calvert that I like  
I don't exactly know.  
It is such a very  
pretty letter - her  
affection for you & her  
graceful kindness -  
I think, as she offers to  
"communicate" with the  
maid, it would be very  
desirable if you would  
kindly write to her  
what I said to Parthe  
about the "qualifications  
I require" - as she asks  
after these - & if she  
would ask the maid  
(Mrs. Rushforth) if  
she would undertake

what I want - And if  
Lady Lucy thinks her  
up to it, the maid might  
write to Parthe whether  
she is disengaged - & not  
engage herself without  
letting us know, till  
Parthe can see her &  
Lady Emily Foley's -

I think Parthe ~~can~~  
rather misunderstood  
one clause in my letter.  
My maid is rather  
more superintended  
than other maids -  
because, from 7:30 a.m.  
till 8.30 p.m., she  
sees me constantly -  
And all her orders

come from me direct.

With regard to the evenings, I regret to say that I know enough of London houses (& latterly of Lady Clarges) to know that ANY thing can go on below stairs without the master's & mistress's knowledge. This, not more but less, in my own household. What I intended to imply was: - that I could not bear to introduce a great London housekeeper among my three Puritans.

I think it wise to put in this Codicil to my letter to Parthe -

Also: to say it would be a great advantage to me to have a person used to superintend the kitchen, without being cook. And this both Lady Lucy Calvert's & Lady Emily Foley's seem to have been -

I think if Lady Emily Foley would write to hers to ask her my questions before she engages herself elsewhere, it would also be an advantage -

And now I will not  
worry you any more  
about maids.

It is very good of you  
to take so much trouble.

One other thing I don't  
agree with Parthe  
about - I think (and  
I have had terrible  
experience) that it  
is the stupid ones  
who "get into mischief"  
far more often than  
the clever ones.

As Mrs. Robert  
Arkwright said of  
ugly maids: they ~~are~~  
get into mischief far  
more often than

pretty ones -

Believe me

dear Sir Harry

ever yours

F.N.

Mr. Gathorne Hardy is  
getting us into terrible  
mischief (I dare  
say you know) tho'  
he is neither pretty  
nor clever.

9002/60 four cards, 1f, pen & pencil

{card 1}

Mr. T.G. Ross  
Patriotic Fund  
19 New Street  
Spring Gardens  
London S.W.

2 brace partridges  
*carriage paid*

{card 2}

Mrs Wardroper  
Manor Cottage  
St. Thomas' Hospital  
Newington  
London S

{card 3}

Captain E. Gardiner Fishbourne  
Office of Patriotic Fund  
19 New Street  
Spring Gardens  
*London S.W.*

3 brace Partridges  
Sept 24th

{card 4}

Miss N. Nov 27/66  
5 Brace Partridges  
2 Hares  
1 Pheasant

9002/61 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:173]

Embley  
Romsey

Sept 25/66  
~~35 South Street,~~  
~~Park Lane,~~  
~~London. W.~~

My dear Sir Harry

About Aldershot Female  
Hospital & Mrs. Daniell,  
I am so very sorry that  
we can't help from King's  
College Hospital with a  
Midwife or Matron=Midwife,  
*unless* they will send ~~one~~ a woman  
to be trained by us.

"All trained in our  
Ward are under definite  
engagements before coming  
to us for instruction.  
As yet we have trained  
none to be in readiness

"for a vacant post -  
but Mr. H. Bonham  
Carter thinks we may  
so take one or two,  
*if very promising*  
women apply.

Miss Jones writes this morning: -

"I do not know of  
any one outside our  
Hospital who  
would be suitable.  
I did recommend  
one to Mrs. Edwards  
when she had the  
women's Hospital  
at Portsmouth, as  
a temporary help

"& to teach one of her  
own people - then  
she had a guinea  
a week. I find  
this woman is now  
engaged."

I have kept Mrs. Daniell's  
& Col Arthur Herbert's  
letters - Because I am  
going to ask in another  
quarter. But I have  
very little hope. We  
require 6 or 12 months'  
notice to find & train  
such a woman. Ladies  
are so very thoughtless -  
they always think there  
are large numbers of  
such women *on hand*.  
Women fit to be engaged

always are engaged. Ladies  
don't act in that way  
for themselves. For  
their own confinements  
they engage a Nurse &  
months beforehand - &  
*don't* engage a Nurse without training.  
But I write now, in case  
Mrs. Daniell & the Aldershot  
people should make  
up their minds to *choose*  
& have a woman trained  
by us at King's College  
Hospital. for Aldershot  
Female Hospital.  
I will write again -  
ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9002/62 signed letter 2ff, pen [8:174]

Embley

Romsey Sept. 29/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry,  
(more than disappointed)  
that we cannot help  
the Aldershot Female  
Hospital to a Matron-  
Midwife or even a  
Midwife, at present.

All my enquiries  
have led to nothing  
but "No person at  
present to recommend."

But I am more  
sorry than surprised.

It can be only by  
accident that you  
can find a Matron,  
Midwife or Head  
Nurse, competent  
to undertake such  
duties, at liberty  
at a week's or  
month's notice.

People are beginning  
to find this out =  
& write to us a year  
beforehand for a

Trained Matron or  
Trained Nurses - which  
is none too soon.  
[The gov'r of New South Wales  
has just written  
to me for four  
Trained Head Nurses  
to found a School  
for Hospital Nurses  
(for the Colony) ~~in~~ at  
Sydney in the Infirmary.  
And we have been  
obliged to answer:  
Give us time. We  
have not one who is  
not engaged at the

end of her training.]

I most earnestly  
wish that the Aldershot  
people would select  
a woman, & send  
her to us to train  
at King's College Hospital  
for them as Midwife  
or as Midwife=Matron.

[N.B. I do not  
myself like the  
plan of making  
the Midwife the  
Matron. The very

essence of a Matron's employment is that she ought to be *in all places at once* - whereas the Midwife is, or ought to be, chained to the bed-side of a Patient, sometimes for hours - if during the day, how can she give the due supervision to the other patients - especially where

besides the Lying in Ward, there is a ward of general cases - if during the night, how can she be fit for her general duties the next day? - A Matron *must* have *some* sleep. † or she will take to drink, as this woman appears to have done.]

But, however that  
my be, I wish  
Aldershot would  
send us a woman  
to train for them.  
And I would gladly  
pay the money  
for her. [You know  
we pay King's  
College Hospital  
for the board of  
the women under  
training - And  
this is generally  
defrayed by the  
persons sending  
the woman to be  
trained - as the  
"N. Fund" pays for  
the Lying-in beds.  
& the Training =Midwife]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I can scarcely speak  
too highly of the moral  
training given us, in  
this our Midwifery  
school, by the Lady  
Supt., whom you know  
(Miss Jones) - or of the  
Medical Training, given  
by the Physician Accoucheurs.

9002/63 signed letter, 8ff, pen

Embley

Romsey

Oct 14/66

~~35 South Street,~~

~~Park Lane,~~

~~London. W.~~

My dear Sir Harry

A letter of yours of  
Aug 31 enquiring about  
your parcel of Deer skins  
has only just been  
given to me -

No such parcel had  
arrived before I left  
London -

But I do hope you  
have made it out all  
right by this time.

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Your visit to Liverpool **[6:269]**  
gave one & all the greatest

satisfaction - Miss Agnes Jones wrote to me that she did not know who you were, & she is afraid you must have thought her "cold & formal". Had she known who you were, she says she "should have been much more afraid of you than of the Commissioners." Your visit did her one great good. For she got some arrangements thereby which she had been asking for ever since she came -

But now I must bother you about the maid, Mrs. Rushforth (she is here) recommended by Lady Lucy Calvert.

If Lady Lucy would be so very kind as to make out & tell you the whole truth about her as a friend, it would be a great thing for me.

[This was my only reason for sending for her.]

Because her last place was with Lady Shannon, & that a year ago - And I know nothing of Lady Shannon -

It seems as if she (Rushforth) knew all

the great Powis family -  
    She was twice with  
    Lady Charlotte Montgomery-  
but the first time 18  
years ago - And besides  
that, she was with two  
other members of the  
family, Lady Sarah Hay  
Williams, & I think Lady  
Windsor - (or some sister)  
[I am not very well up in  
my Peerage]  
I like her - she is hearty -  
but, I should think,  
shatter-brained. And  
I doubt her having  
discretion or good sense  
-her having a "head piece"

[2]

in short.

    She says that she has  
twice "had an interview  
with" you, & once with  
Parthe for *your* place  
as Housekeeper.

    Can you remember why  
you did not take her? -

    And could Lady Charlotte  
Montgomery remember  
why she parted with  
her the first time? -

    I should think she  
was an immense talker  
- but very affectionate.

    She is very anxious to  
have my place - & has  
been "looking for a place  
for 5 months" - *that* seems

odd -

You see what I feel is this. Temperance waits upon one as well as (or better than) any one I ever had. I should not exchange her, except for a person who would really take entire charge of me & my tiny household (including the kitchen) For this she must have trustworthiness, good sense - a good head. My household is so easy to manage - three maids as good as gold -

But everything in the shape of management falls back upon me -

I must have a person who will undertake every thing with the tradesmen, who will turn back the milk when sour, the fish when stale &c &c, not leaving it to me either to be poisoned for 4 months with sour milk, or to have to "make the row" myself - She must be able to order my tiny meals. And she ought to know how things are to be done, in the way a mistress of a middle-class household is obliged to ~~do~~ know.

Then, as you know, there  
 is a good deal of  
 running up & down  
 stairs for me (I being  
 entirely a prisoner to bed)  
 carrying business=messages  
 &c - And this is really  
 one of the most important  
 of my *wants*. She  
*must* have good sense  
 to do this.

I will tell you the kind  
 of thing which happens  
 to me - a well=dressed  
 woman, a Miss -, rings  
 at the bell & is shown  
 into the dining=room -  
 {printed address upside down}  
 35 South Street,  
 Park Lane,  
 London. W.

She says: she shall  
 be confined in  
 my dining=room, if I don't

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get her a provision. I do  
 so, & I find afterwards  
 she does not go to the  
 place I provide.

Now a good maid says  
 to such a person: - go  
 about your business - I  
 won't take such a message  
 to Miss N.

But, on the other hand, I  
 am afraid to give such  
 a permission to a maid  
 who has *not* good sense.  
*For she might turn away  
 from the door my  
 Matrons & Nurses &  
 poor friends, IF she  
 considered them "mal*

mises" - [you remember the  
National Guard at the  
gate of the Tuileries]

The consequence is: that  
scarcely a day passes  
that I am not interrupted  
in the midst of my  
hardest work by  
monstrous impostors.  
If my maid is not  
capable of taking this  
sort of charge, I am  
better as I am -  
~~Now~~ Then would Lady Lucy Calvert  
kindly tell you whether  
Mrs. Rushforth is strictly  
honest - I mean, in

not admitting any one into  
the house (of her own -  
friends) to feast without  
my knowledge - [if you  
knew what doings went  
on at Lady Clarges'!] - in  
not making her own purse  
out of the tradesmen &c &c  
- my three are such  
good Puritans -  
if, above all, she is  
entirely sober - [she  
seems to me excitable]  
& if she has the good  
sense, discretion, &c  
necessary to take her  
part in such a  
situation as mine - to  
have her wits about  
her - and, when she

gets accustomed to my ways, to act with authority & trust = worthiness, - without referring to & interrupting me every moment of the day in the midst of my work - for little emergencies, such as I have mentioned, & for the current work of the household -

I enclose you 3 of her letters - which I don't think clear - And, as I say, I find her puzzle = {printed address upside down} headed - E.g. I  
35 South Street, tried in vain to  
Park Lane, make her tell me her  
London. W. situations consecutively. And

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she could not remember why she left Lady Charlotte Montgomery the first time -

Also, could Lady Lucy say whether she is given to flirting? - & what were the reasons for her leaving each of the places in the Powis family?

If I were once settled with a maid, I do hope I should be settled for life -

It would be truly kind of you if you could obtain, as a friend such *real* information for me -

DON'T say that I must  
not "expect any thing  
perfect". Is there any  
body in the world but  
me who would have  
gone on so long as I  
did with Ann Clarke,  
with Fisher, & with  
*your* enemy, the "Prig"? -  
I will take Rushforth,  
even if she is very  
im"perfect" indeed -  
but then she must  
not be *more* "imperfect"  
than any maid I have  
now -

                  ever yours gratefully  
                  Florence Nightingale

Rushforth is not in the least  
"fine" - tho' fond of her  
Peerage.

9002/64 signed letter, 4ff, pen [6:530-32]

Oct 15/66

My dear Sir Harry

I feel very shy of "giving my opinion" to your "friends in Manchester" as to "founding a Children's Hospital". Because so much depends upon local circumstances.

But I will say, as shortly as I can, what my experience is, for or against.

1. Have they considered what are the essentials of a Children's Hospital? - The baths, the exercises of all kinds, - in a garden (not too pretty to spoil - with plenty of green sward) - in covered sheds, for bad weather - in play = rooms, for very bad weather - the exercises, including Gymnastic exercises (which ought to be superintended by a man - a Professor - otherwise the children will hurt themselves more than benefit themselves) - including

Singing exercises in Chorus - all these form an important part of the medical treatment of Children - Then, there must be classes for instruction, which again, must be carefully regulated in reference to yr Children's health. [The boys & girls ought never to meet but in chapel.]

Then, the proportion of Nurses to children ought to be considerably more than double that of ~~Ch~~ Nurses to adults - in a Hospital. And you must have nurses to your baths, to your exercising grounds, &c &c &c so that no children should be left alone. Because there will always, of course, be many confined to their wards. Then, the difficulty of getting good Children's Nurses in sufficient numbers is great indeed - & is not at all obviated, as is sometimes thought, by having Religious orders - Children are so utterly at the mercy of their nurses. (be they nuns or seculars).  
[If ladies did but know what goes on in their own nurseries, they would guess at what I mean.]

But they seldom do. When I see ladies driving in parks, with their dogs' heads out of the carriage= windows, & children walking in parks with their nurses, I think I would give the dogs to the nurses & take the children myself, if I were the ladies.]

## II

There are but two objects, I believe, in founding a *Children's* Hospital -

1. to keep the children innocent of what they must see & hear in an Adult Hospital
2. to secure all the essentials enumerated above, which are quite different for a *Children's* Hospital from what are essentials for an adult Hospital.

If they are *not* secured, I do not hesitate to say that children are better off in the female wards of an adult Hospital x

In saying this, I entirely exclude, as you do, Workhouse Infirmaryes.

As soon as a Workhouse child is weaned & out of arms, it ought to be removed

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x And where are they secured in England?

from the workhouse walls, never to re-enter them. The Union school ought to be in the country, entirely under different administration separate from the workhouse & ought to include its sick children's Infirmary.

But a well-nursed adult Hospital, (tho', of course, many of its Patients are degraded women), has a very different moral atmosphere whatever may be said to the contrary, from any existing Workhouse Infirmary, especially nursed by paupers -

And, in a well-constructed x well-administered adult Hospital, the children are actually better off for being mixed up (*judiciously*), with the woman.

A woman=Patient will look after the child in the next bed to her, & be amused & interested by it in return.

But never have a Children's *Ward* in a General Adult Hospital. That combines

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x But the Manchester Hospital is not such in construction & in situation as I should like to put children into.

all the disadvantages of the adult Hospital with none of the advantages of the Children's Hospital.

[And I could tell you terrible experiences which have been made in these Children's Wards].

A Children's Hospital should be in the country - & not only that, but have large grounds attached to it.

And, however large & good the grounds, it must have a Convalescent Hospital ~~all~~ (Best, of course, at the sea=side) to which to draft off its children the very first day it is possible.

Children, rather more than adults however happy adults suffer to such an incredible degree, from being in Hospital, that they ought not to be kept an hour longer than medical or surgical treatment is constantly & strictly necessary.

At the Paris Enfant=Jésus, the most complete children's Hospital in the world, & with large & capital grounds,

the mortality among the children is still so alarmingly high - that they have convalescent sea-side branches - to which to draft off the children - It must be remembered how large a proportion of Children's diseases is due to Scrofula -

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In my "Notes on Hospitals," (Longmans), I have in my Chapter on Children's Hospitals, gone much more fully into the essentials of Children's Hospitals than I can do now - & have also given the plan of one to be erected at Lisbon, which I was employed to do by Albert.

I have not a copy of my book by me, (for I always give it away every 3 weeks) or I would send it you for your friends.

I should like to repeat what I have said there that none who have *not* passed their lives in Hospitals know how

necessary is public opinion to keep down cruelties & neglects in Hospitals - & there can be no public opinion in children's Hospitals.

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If your friends should determine upon founding a Children's Hospital, it would give me the greatest pleasure carefully to revise their plans, supposing they think I could be of any use - or to answer any further questions.

And I hope they will not think the above remarks are: - an exhortation to do nothing - for the poor brats.

Pray believe me  
ever yours affectely  
Florence Nightingale

9002/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Embley

Romsey

~~35 South Street,~~  
~~Park Lane,~~  
~~London. W.~~  
Oct. 15/66

My dear Sir Harry

I send on another sheet my answer about Children's Hospitals. I am quite ready to answer as far as I can, any other questions they think me worth asking.

I shall be very much obliged to you to obtain me the information about Rushforth from Lady Lucy Calvert.

Rushforth's whole conversation with me is: - praising herself -

Now, I am far from thinking  
this, conclusive, against a  
person -

Some of the most efficient  
women I have ever had  
would, it is not too much to  
say, have spent the rest  
of their lives in praising  
themselves -

But the thing is: - that I can't  
make out from Rushforth  
in the least whether she *is*  
efficient, or in what -

Even with the pencil in my hand,  
I can get from her no  
consecutive information about  
her places.

And no one else can.

I am sorry to say, the impression  
in the house about her is: -  
that she is such a talker  
she would never "do"; & so  
*puzzle=pated.*

I have seen so many & am  
so tired of the work that I  
would take her, even if, she  
would "do" *at all*. I feel  
sure she is good.

ever gratefully yours  
F.N.

9002/66 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I think I will hardly trouble you to speak to Lady Lucy Calvert about the maid.

Sir John MacNeill said, "one must be in such very robust health to undergo the Water=cure".

And I feel: - "I must be in such very robust health to undergo" that maid.

I kept her till yesterday hoping in view to see in her some sign of efficiency or common sense. For

I

have no one else in view - &  
feel now as I really  
could not undertake the  
going on with the search.  
But there really existed no  
doubt in any one's mind  
here - that she "would not do".  
She could not remember, at  
first, having been with  
Lady Charlotte Montgomery  
*at all* x - And afterwards  
she talked of her with  
tears in her eyes!  
And so about *EVERY* thing.  
Also: - her indiscretions!!! -  
She told me a story about  
the husband of a lady  
she had lived with -  
which I believe to be false -  
which, true or false, should

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x as you saw also in her letter

never have passed her lips -  
& which I would not have  
her tell my innocent  
maids for the world -

I thought I would have  
waited to hear from Lady  
Lucy Calvert before I ~~wrote~~ determined  
whether to give Mrs. Rushforth her  
"coup de grace" - But, as there  
will be still some delay,  
& as I feel so incapable  
of dealing as a mistress with Mrs. Rushforth,  
I think I will write to  
her today & dismiss the  
matter. She is a good woman,  
I am sure - but "so funny", as all this  
household called her.

Thanks for your news of  
Chorlton Union, which  
interests me very much -  
I will not trouble you

to keep the "Builder" for me,  
as I have it - & as Mr.  
Worthington sent me  
the plans (for my  
correction) before they  
were finished. [But, as  
he did not mention  
this to you, please not  
to say so to any one] The  
inexpensiveness is a model to us -  
ever yours

F.N.

Oct 18/66

9002/67 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Embley

Romsey

Oct 25/66

My dear Sir Harry

Mrs. Ogden (the Bristol  
Midwife) has written to  
know whether she "is likely  
"to get the situation  
of Midwife to the  
female Hospital at  
Aldershot - &  
"if she has any chance  
of success."

I am sorry to trouble you-  
But I pass it on to you,  
(like the "Black Baby",  
poor little thing!) for Col:  
Arthur Herbert.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/68 initialled letter, 3ff, pen

Private {at angle}

& Confidential

5/11/66

[15:419]

My dear Sir Harry  
The Director-General,  
Gibson, retires in  
March.

The only man who  
can retrieve, if it is  
still retrievable, the  
ruin of the Department  
(Army Medical) is  
Muir -

He is also ~~the man~~,  
both from field &  
foreign service,  
seniority &c &c the

man who ought to  
succeed him -

We received a positive  
promise from Lord  
de Grey that Muir  
should be the next  
D.G.

But we are now in a  
great strait.

In matters of this kind,  
Genl= Peel is entirely  
governed by Lugard  
& Duke of Cambridge -  
as he used to be  
by Sidney Herbert.

And, I understand, that

Beatson is the man  
they are thinking of  
- a very good fellow  
& a wretched Inspector=  
Genl=

Anything I could say  
to Sir E. Lugard would  
set him against my  
man -

As for the C. in C., he  
has always been more  
than civil to me. But  
then I have been  
more in the way of  
doing him favours  
than of asking for them

Since Sidney Herbert's  
death, I have never  
written to him but  
once. He wrote an  
answer, as if he had  
been a friend - I don't  
think he quite signed  
himself

your affecte  
George

but it was  
something  
very like it. And then  
he called -

But if I could find  
any other means to reach  
him about Dr. Muir,

without myself ~~doing~~  
appearing in it, I  
should infinitely prefer  
it. Also, I should not like  
to be refused.

[N.B. Gibson, was the D.  
of Cambridge's man &  
has all but ruined  
the Department] -

Could you suggest any  
course? =

ever yours  
F.N.

The way you could best  
help us would be by  
turning out present  
Ministers before  
March. Mind, I can

only give you till  
the first week in  
March - to do it -  
In various ways, it  
is an untold misfortune  
to us, having these  
men in *just this*  
~~winter~~ next year.

F.N.

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9002/69 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Embley

Nov 5/66

[Battle of Inkermann]

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned  
the (enclosed) to you long  
ago. I should very  
much like to see the  
"two other letters" on  
Children's Hospitals,  
when they come back  
to you. I always  
learn from the opinions  
of my opponents, when  
they are *well=considered*  
opinions. But how  
rarely does *any one*  
give a *well=considered*  
opinion!

I was very glad that Parthe liked her stay at No 35. It pleases Papa very much to hear his London house praised -

There appears to be an uncertainty in my mother's mind about going to London. She would return with me - or whenever No 32 was at liberty - to stay a few weeks

at your house. Do not trouble yourself to answer this question unless you know when Ld. Westmoreland gives up the house. Webb told me that you had mentioned (to my mother) Dec. 1. But this may be a mistake.

She varies so exceedingly that I can form no settled judgement about her. Yesterday she rushed into my room & told me she was "a dying woman!" And indeed

I thought so -

Three hours afterwards,  
she was walking, like  
a girl of 15, briskly  
on the terrace - calling  
cheerfully to me in  
bed in the Music-room  
to come & admire the  
view. N.B. it was  
quite dark.

Please *burn*  
I should be glad to hear  
of Emily's prospects  
for the winter - dear  
child -

ever yours

F.N.

[end]

9002/70 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [8:175]

PRIVATE

Embley

Romsey Nov 6/66

My dear Sir Harry

I will return to you Col:  
Arthur Herbert's letter -  
I am extremely relieved to  
find that they have obtained  
two sisters from Wymering,  
one from as Matron, the  
other as Midwife, for the  
Aldershot Hospital (female)

I find however from  
Col: Herbert's letter that  
the latter is to be trained  
by the Medical Officer -

May I say - which I  
do with great reluctance, (for

I am sure I have enough of my own business to do, without meddling with that of others) - that this is never found to answer - not in Paris, where they have one ~~for~~ hundred fold the experience we have - nor any where. A Midwife must be trained by a Head Midwife, - with, of course Physician's supervision, and in an Institution where the object of her training is the sole or main object. For either the Medical Officer delivers himself - in which

case how can the Midwife learn to deliver? or she is left to exercise her imperfect knowledge. For how can the Medical Officer give the time to her instruction, which it is the sole business of the head Midwife to give? [Six months is the shortest term for such instruction - in Paris 2 years] The instruction of our Probationers at St. Thomas' might just as well be left to the Physicians & Surgeons of that Institution - The Supt of St. John's House (King's College Hospital)

has had, I believe, some  
dealings of this kind  
before with Wymering.

I write in haste & have  
no time to put my  
words in proper language.

I should not like this  
to reach the eyes of any  
Medical Officer.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/71 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:175-76]

Nov 11/66

My dear Sir Harry

Tho' much pressed for time,  
I can hardly feel satisfied  
to return Col: Herbert's letter  
without telling you the result  
of my experience, both  
abroad & at home - [as  
you are perhaps aware,  
they manage these things  
much better on the Continent  
than we do -] as to training  
Midwives for the poor.

And I have asked, since  
I had Col: Herbert's letter,  
the opinion of a person  
far more experienced  
than I, on the experiment

he proposes to try.

We are both - and very strongly - of opinion that: - quite independently of any motives of prudery, the course proposed for teaching the Sister at Aldershot is only allowable, if no other mode of instruction be open -

As Col: Herbert has "not much faith in paid Nurses, unless they are under some person who works from higher motives," why did not they have Mrs. Ogden, or some other Midwife, temporarily with the other Sister as Matron

whilst the one to be Midwife was sent to Kings College Hospital to be trained in the Lying-in Ward & Midwives' School there? -

It is most desirable too that the Sister be trained away from the Hospital where she is to act as Midwife -

Lastly: - it is so desirable that "Sisters" ("persons who act from higher motives") should enter this most unpleasant branch of Nursing that when Col: Herbert has found just the person he wants, it does seem 1000 pities that she should



developed -

I should think my place the very  
opposite of Aunt P.'s -

a convent of regularity -  
with pressing business going on all day  
long.

What *I* want is a person to take the  
housekeeping entirely off my hands -  
- to be able to settle all household  
questions without referring to me -  
- not to call *me* up in the middle of  
the night when a servant has an  
indigestion - but to be able herself to  
settle the question whether a Doctor or  
a Dose is wanted -

to have the **nous** not to interrupt  
me at my business for every lying imposter  
in London

to be *experienced* in managing a  
(small) household -

As Lady Belper so sensibly said about that

school-mistress of hers: -

~~if I~~ what *I* want is a person to save me all these small details - And, If she has no experience in them how can she save me? *I* can't teach her - My training days are over.

I call Temperance & Burch both thorough, discreet, good servants. And I don't at all imagine Legg to be a person, however valuable, whom you could place over them. And the ~~youth~~ childishness of Jane, the cook, makes a really experienced upper servant necessary. Else I shall be (what I am now) my own upper servant. & distracted from business by questions of Beer, Butter - and - by every impostor in London.

Would it not save you trouble if you were to send *this* to Aunt Joanna or Alice? - Alice might possibly be able to judge whether Legg would at all answer this description - I am afraid *I* shall never be able to try ~~thany~~ experiment again.

But I shall be quite happy to see Legg, if you are so good as to ask her here - I am afraid I shall be obliged to keep to next week to go to London - And I could not see maids there - I shall be so busy -  
ever, dearest mum,  
your loving child  
F.

9002/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: 23.11.66}

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned  
this letter before -

Major Bartlett is doubtless **[9:564]**  
an authority - Without  
local knowledge I can only  
say that we *believe* no  
Poor Law could be introduced  
into India - but only such  
a system as e.g. the  
French have in Algeria -

I could not cite this  
letter to Sir J. Lawrence -  
But, as I was writing to  
him on measures connected  
with it, I took the

opportunity of asking him  
a question founded on  
this letter.

As to 2.  
you know we hold strong  
opinions in the opposite  
direction - The effect of  
the measures mentioned in  
the letter cannot be decided except  
after long experience -  
They have *not* had the  
effect he supposes here -  
He appears to be unaware  
that in Europe the  
"seclusion" he mentions  
*has* been tried, with  
disastrous results -  
But it is scarcely a question  
I can enter into, unless,

(as has been the case), it  
came manifestly within  
my duty -  
With regard to the Poor Law,  
I am of course no judge  
as to whether the state  
of Indian society would  
bear anything like a  
Poor Law -  
And he is -  
          ever yours  
          F.N.  
23/11/66

**[end 9:564]**

9002/74 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

*Private*   Embley Nov 23/66  
My dear Sir Harry  
      I have long delayed in  
word congratulating you on  
Edmund's return. But  
not the less did I  
congratulate you in heart.  
      I have never forgotten  
your kind offer about  
Dr. Muir & the D.G.ship.  
      Our party think it  
would be better , if you  
would first see Sir Hope  
Grant & talk it over  
with him, with some  
such letter as I enclose.  
      You know Genl. Peel, the  
D. of Cambridge & Sir Hope

Grant so much better than  
I do that I offer no  
opinion as to which you should  
see first.

It will be fatal to us, if  
we do not have Dr. Muir.

Sir H. Grant has been to  
kind in offering to come  
& see me that I should  
have no scruple of  
claiming his visit, when  
I come to town, if you,  
after discussion with him,  
should recommend it.

The only reason why I have  
never accepted his kind  
offer is: - that I did not  
feel as if I had anything  
precise & urgent to  
trouble him about.

*THIS* is both precise & urgent.

But I hope that you  
will be able to manage  
it without me.

Genl. Peel always attached  
great value to Sidney  
Herbert's opinion which  
was entirely for Dr. Muir.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/75 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE      Embley

Nov 30/66

My dear Sir Harry

A thousand & ten thousand  
thanks for what you have  
done about Dr. Muir.

I am quite sure that  
not only you have "done  
all you could do , but  
that you have done a  
great deal more than  
any one else could do.

I do not feel *unhopeful*.  
It is perfectly true that  
Logan has 38 years' service,  
(14 more than Dr. Muir).  
But it is also true that  
Dr. Logan, who is a great

friend of *us all*, has no  
*other* qualification ~~tha~~ for  
the Office but being  
an honest & honourable  
man, & a thorough  
gentleman - He is a  
weak, good-natured,  
(just what we don't  
want) Health-grumbler -  
& retired some years  
ago from an office  
with not one tenth  
of the work of a  
Director-General=ship, -  
into which Alexander  
placed him, because  
he was his great friend.  
But Alexander never

once mentioned him as  
his successor, while he  
designated Dr. Muir  
as such. I have  
never once, in all these  
discussions, heard  
Dr. Logan spoken of  
by any one person as  
fit for the post of  
D.G.

[He retired fro ill  
health, after grumbling  
for years.]

That sophism of  
Genl. Peel's, "If it  
depended on me,  
would soon have  
been disposed of by

Sidney Herbert.

I may possibly write  
to another member  
of the Cabinet, But, *IF*  
I do, I shall say that  
my name is not to  
be mentioned. I am  
sure that enough has  
been done with that  
already.

I hear from a Minister  
of the *last* Cabinet  
that present Ministers  
may be out before Xmas.  
I don't believe it. It is  
too good to be true.

I have much to write  
to you about. I shall be  
in the Celestial City on Tuesday  
at latest. ever yours

F.N.

9002/76 list, 1f, pen

Mrs. Moore  
Convent

For Bermondsey

Vegetables, Fruit, (Apples, Figs)

are always acceptable

Flowers, particularly so

Ham & Bacon also -

Mutton or Pork

Rabbits, Hares, and a little Game

9002/77 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Dec. 8/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dearie

About Lady Alicia Blackwood's  
enquiry as to Joseph Mitchell: -

1. he has no claim on me -
2. I don't wish him to have my address.
3. if he were to obtain it, I should  
not receive him -

I have no reason to doubt this  
much of the story -

1. that he was at Scutari -
2. that he is an Incurable Invalid,  
(the illness *not* dating from anything he  
did at Scutari)
3. that he married a woman very  
much above him in position

I think *she* makes great capital  
of their afflictions,  
I think she is nothing but an  
incurable beggar  
I think she does not always  
tell the same story exactly -  
At the same time I don't think this  
a reason for treating them like  
scamps -  
Last winter they applied to me  
thro' another source - [fortunately  
without finding out my address]  
to obtain for him a presentation  
from the Pss of Wales - Tho' I have  
never asked anything of her, I  
exerted myself, & obtained a

semi-promise -  
whether to be fulfilled or not, I  
do not know -

I think Mrs. Joseph Mitchell  
a lady with many strings to her  
bow.

*He* was a weak, ne'er do weel,  
good-natured, always-in-scrapes  
fellow - a good & industrious cook.  
- never "on my staff" - but I had  
something to do with the management

There are hundreds of people who,  
because once in receipt of very  
high wages for a few months'  
bad service (or good service) at  
Scutari, expect me to support  
them thro' life.

I am far from thinking that these should all be thrown overboard, if only one could serve them. But the worst way of serving any body is to send them £2 whenever they ask you -

And, on the other hand, I reserve all my forces for those *many* really suffering from the effects of *good* service in the Crimean War - or who have died from such service, leaving widows & children without provision.

I have just dragged a widow (& children) of this kind by main force thro' the Patriotic Fund. And because they would not

pay her quarter, sent it her myself, *without* her begging.

There is not a shadow of *this* kind of service in the Mitchells' case - *She* married her cook to please herself - He is just one of those ne'er-do-weels, of whom one meets thousands - There are neither morals nor heroics in the case -

At the same time, they are far from being impostors - like the hundreds I have such - Would you, if you are writing to Lady Alicia Blackwood,

give her my kindest love -  
& thank her very much for  
the news she sent me,  
however painful, of the last  
days of our dear good old  
friend, Capt. Keatly - & of  
his widow's grief - (months ago) -  
Do not let my name be used  
as reflecting on Jos: Mitchell.  
I have (confidentially) given  
you my opinion, just as it is,  
for Lady Alicia Blackwood,  
because I think she must  
remember the man. But  
I did not give it nearly  
as fully when I applied  
to Royalty. For why? - The man  
*is* an Incurable Invalid -

And no mistake about *that*.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/78 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 10/66

Dearie

Here's a Bill which I *can't*  
pay -

For why? - they *won't* be  
paid

A Bill comes to *Mama*  
from Bickers & Bush for  
Vols IX & X of Fronde -

Only Vol IX arrives at 35  
& is forwarded to me by Burch  
I unpack the parcel myself  
& am sure of its contents -

For two days Papa, very  
naturally, will not believe  
me or Burch -

I come to London & send  
Watson to B. & B.

B. & B. shew Watson your  
letter, dated *Embley* - say  
that they forwarded Vol  
IX to me & Vol X to you -  
& forward your letter to  
Papa -

Word comes back from  
Papa that we are to take  
cognizance *none* of Vol X  
but pay for Vol IX.

I send Watson (most  
unwilling) back to B. & B.  
[He said it was of no use -]  
B. & B. positively refuse  
payment for one Vol: -  
They say they forwarded  
according to directions -  
will be paid for both

or neither -

As I have often done  
before, I would have paid  
for both, to save myself  
all this work -

But Papa, in a letter to  
Watson, positively forbids  
this. And quite rightly,  
as I think - For what  
check can there be then  
upon tradesmen?

ever yours

F.N.

I have undertaken to  
explain it all to you -  
So - I have done.

9002/79 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 11 Dec '66}

Dearest mum

I have been very sorry  
to be so long answering  
Miss Daman -

The best answer I  
find I can make is  
this: -

if she likes to send  
the books to

Mrs. Wardroper  
St. Thomas' Hospital  
Newington  
London S

to

Miss Jones  
Lady Supt  
King's College Hospital  
London W.C.  
to  
Miss Agnes Jones  
Lady Supt  
Liverpool *Workhouse Infirmary*  
Brownlow Hill  
*Liverpool*  
to Miss Merryweather  
Nurses' Home & Training School  
*Liverpool*

these ladies are the only  
persons I know who  
will take pains to  
introduce the little  
book (thro' the proper  
channel) among their  
Patients - if they like it.  
Of course it is impossible  
for me to write  
round to all the  
Chaplains - of Hospitals  
- to know whether  
they will accept the  
book - And I have  
not even a copy to  
shew -

ever dearest mum  
Your loving child  
F.

London  
Dec. 11/66

9002/80 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 11/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearie

Do not trouble  
yourself to answer  
my note about  
Bickers & Bush.  
Papa has written  
that as he hears that *you* have  
Vol X (of Fronde)  
we may pay for Vols IX & X  
(ye Bill) which is  
accordingly done today  
F.

9002/81 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {arch: 7 Dec ?66}

Dearest mum

I hope you will  
be satisfied with  
what we have done  
about your School  
books & maps -

Beatrice has taken  
wondrous pains  
about it - And she  
got the things in  
the name of Miss  
Alice Lushington,  
who is a subscriber.  
And, altogether, I

think they are  
extraordinarily cheap -  
- especially the  
maps - Indeed, we  
were rather inclined  
to get them bigger -  
But these were the  
biggest the National  
Society had - &  
only 9/9 & 12/.

I have paid the  
Bills, which I enclose.  
Kneller will be  
sorry to hear that

there has been  
great anxiety about  
Dean Dawes - a  
long continuance of  
Diarrhoea -which  
weakened him  
extremely - But  
he is better &  
begins to go out again,  
thank God! -  
Mind, you dearest  
mum, you send me  
*four* splendid hampers  
of Christmassings on

either Saturday or Monday  
- for Revd Mother who  
has been ill again -  
- for Miss Jones, who  
is in great trouble, -  
- for Mrs. Wardroper  
& others.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Dec 7

The letters for Peter  
& Coachman are  
Christmas presents.  
Also, will you be sure  
& send me  
four great hampers  
of Christmassings  
on Saturday or  
Monday for my  
different Hospitals.  
Poor Mrs. Sutherland -  
her brother still  
lingers - ever, dear Pa,  
your loving child F.

9002/82 initialled letter, 3ff, pen [5:179-80]

Dec 22/66

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

Dear Papa

Anent your cottages: -  
You are quite right -  
But I deny that you ought  
to call them "Hospitals" -  
I don't believe that in Wellow,  
a "cottage Hospital" would  
find enough of custom  
to keep itself alive.  
I am going to write about  
your village Diphtheria -  
As you are about the cottage  
subject, I send you a letter  
of Mr. Chadwick's, which

please return to me -

But I have answered him  
that I don't agree with him  
about cheap construction  
(this refers mainly or  
entirely to *town* cottages)  
tho' I have no doubt that  
his "concrete," IF cheapness  
is to be the object, is the  
best thing. But what  
we really want is NOT  
cheap construction but  
facilities for every working  
& other man to have  
his own freehold house -  
It is a shame for us to be

building with brick, while  
our cousins in New York  
are building with polished  
white marble. Nothing  
would raise our civilization  
more than *beautiful* &  
*healthy* dwellings for rich  
& poor - And if the  
rich would eat but half  
the Beef they do & if the  
poor would drink but  
half the drink they do,  
& put the other half  
into their building,  
both their stomachs &  
their houses would be  
all the better -  
But then our laws must

be such as enable good  
houses to be built  
which now they don't.  
The cheapness of construction  
would then be a  
secondary consideration.  
Health & civilization  
would be the primary  
ones.

I say nothing about the  
"contagion" part of Mr.  
Chadwick's letter - because  
you don't care about it -  
I never could think why.  
But even the best of men  
look to charms & not to  
common sense management

The letters for Peter  
& Coachman are  
Christmas presents.  
Also, will you be sure  
& send me  
*four* great hampers  
of Christmassings  
on Saturday or  
Monday for my  
different Hospitals.

Poor Mrs. Sutherland -  
her brother still  
lingers - ever, dear Pa,  
your loving child F.

9002/83 memorandum, 1f, pen

*For Christmas greeneries*

Mrs Moore  
Convent of Mercy  
Bermondsey  
S.E.

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Mrs. Wardroper  
Manor Cottage  
St. Thomas' Hospital  
Newington  
S.

---

Miss Jones  
King's College Hospital  
W.C.

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Mrs. Barrie  
St. Elizabeth's Hospital  
47 Great Ormond Street  
Bloomsbury W.C.

9002/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Christmas Eve/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am thankful those  
Westmorlands are out  
of your house -

They have almost  
completed the measure  
of my misfortunes.

Altho' latterly my  
housemaid has called  
for letters by my order,  
this letter from Sir

John Lawrence, which,  
as you see, arrived  
on Nov. 7, was only  
given me when  
your housekeeper,  
Mrs. Turnham,  
arrived to take  
charge of the house.  
It is the most  
extraordinary ill=  
luck - because I  
*had* a packet from

Sir John Lawrence  
arriving by the same  
mail, to which  
this letter was the key.  
And no week elapses  
that I do not receive  
a score of letters  
with No 32 & all  
sorts of wrong  
numbers & streets  
ever yours  
F.N.

9002/85 initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

Christmas Day/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest mum

I neglected to return  
this to you at Embley -  
My best Christmas wishes  
for the best Christmas  
blessings from  
my dearest mum's  
ever loving child  
F.

{envelope postmarked}  
Mrs. Nightingale  
Embley  
Romsey

9002/86 signed letter, 4ff, pen

*Private* Christmas Day  
1866

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

My dear Sir Harry

First, let me send you best [12:163-64]  
Christmas wishes for the best  
Christmas blessings upon  
you & all yours - from your  
ever grateful & affecte

F.N.

Next: I have been a long  
while returning you the  
letters enclosed (upon  
Manchester Child's Hospl).  
Mrs Wardroper gives the  
experience of the present  
temporary St. Thomas',  
which has the amazing

disadvantage of one single  
*too large* Female Surgical  
Ward - into which the  
children go - I have no  
doubt that her observation  
is correct of the disadvantage  
to the poor Operation Cases  
of crying children: constituting  
more than half the whole number.  
But - there are few Hospitals  
which get so large a  
proportion of operations  
as King's Coll: - And the  
Supt there is so much of  
my opinion, viz. that children  
are rather an advantage  
than the contrary in the  
Female WardS (not Ward) *provided*

there is a possibility of judicious distribution & arrangement of the cases that, now there is an endowment for a Children's Ward, the experiment of mixing with adults is still to be tried, if possible under the terms of the endowment.

I need hardly say that a child should never be in the next bed to a *fresh* operation case. We want the woman in the next bed to amuse & be amused by the child. This is impossible after Operations, or in any case where the utmost quiet is required.

2. I do not think it possible that ANY "system of visiting", -exceedingly desirable as it is, - can be "effectual" in the way of ensuring the right care (in a Children's Hospital.) I have already stated (in

the Chapter on Children's  
Hospitals in my "Notes on  
Hospitals) how undesirable  
it is to lead children to  
complain against their  
Nurses. It can only end  
in one of two things: -  
revenge upon the children  
by the Nurses - or  
expulsion of the Lady  
Visitors -by the authorities.

[This wholesale expulsion  
was actually put in force  
in a Hospital I know  
owing to a lady having  
complained of the Nurse  
(on the word of a poor  
burnt child) to the  
authorities - who found  
that the Nurse had only  
carried the treatment  
*ordered* into effect]

*(Who can tell whether kindly or not?) -*

You know that I hold that any nursing arrangements *dependent on Lady Visitors* for the *current inspection*, which ought to be in the hands of the *resident head* of the Nursing, is absurd. Lady Visitors, (~~filler~~) only prevent drunken Nurses from doing things, which they are not likely to do, when the Visitors are in the ward. We want to abolish the drunken careless Nurses altogether. Public opinion is: - while it is walking thro' the wards. Now it does not take very long to walk thro' the wards. And when

they the Visitors are gone, then there  
is no more of it (public  
opinion)

In any system of administration,  
big or little, upon which  
I have ever been consulted,  
I have always advocated -  
- at the same time that  
I would have the *utmost*  
*liberty* of visiting,  
compatible with ~~the~~  
Hospital order, from  
Lady Visitors, from Patients'  
Friends, from Inspectors  
& Inspectresses -  
the only "public opinion"  
that can be constantly efficient must be  
within the Hospital -  
the only "inspection" that

can be constantly efficient  
is the current inspection  
of the *resident heads*.  
All the rest is only  
most valuable and indispensable  
accessories, no doubt -  
But what would you  
expect for the management  
of your household, if  
your housekeeper lived  
in the next street? -

ever yours gratefully  
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:164]

9002/87 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

[3:466-67]

*Private* {at angle} Christmas Day/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Do you know Lord Ebury?

You know I always come to you  
in difficulties

Miss Jones, of Kings Coll. Hosp=,  
has got into a terrible scrape  
with her Chaplain, Mr. Giraud -  
-as I think, for her *non*=  
ecclesiastical propensities  
& not for her ecclesiastical  
ones - [And I mean to stand  
by her all I can]

Lord Ebury is said to have  
written to the Charing Cross  
Hosp= Committee against  
Miss Jones, influenced by  
this Chaplain. [Miss Jones is

about to undertake the Nursing  
of Charing x Hospl=, as perhaps  
you know.]

The Chaplain is a long standing  
grievance - He has been, for  
years, a material obstacle  
to the work, gossiping with  
the Nurses, & talking to  
them about things which  
no Chaplain should ever  
mention except to the  
Superintendt=. This grievance  
has lately reached its  
climax - And the "Sisters"  
unanimously (the worst  
of it is that the Nurses  
like this gossip) signed a  
remonstrance, backed by

Miss Jones, to the Council of  
St. John's House = praying  
that the Chaplain might  
be made to resign. He  
has been asked to do so.  
But Archdeacon Wordsworth  
backs the Chaplain.  
The Bp of London has, I  
understand, always been  
on Miss Jones' side - &  
would have given Mr.  
Giraud something in his  
own Diocese, (to get rid of him) had he not  
held him as totally unfit.  
But the Bp is ill; & cannot  
be written to (since October)  
Meanwhile the Chaplain is  
doing every mischief in  
his power, (even writing  
in newspapers,) & in a  
way calculated to injure  
the funds of the Hospital -  
dragging into the question

this poor subject viz. that  
 Miss Jones & the Sisters &  
 Nurses occasionally go  
 (which I very much regret)  
 to the early Communion at  
 St. Alban's - *about which*  
*he has never once opened*  
*his lips to Miss Jones or*  
*any of the Sisters* - [this  
 single fact will shew you  
 what manner of man he is  
 more than anything I can tell]

The council of St. John's House,  
 moved by the clamour & by  
 Archd: Wordsworth may  
 (tho' I can scarcely believe it)  
 ask Miss Jones to resign  
 instead of Mr. Giraud.

This would be simply

destroying the only Sisterhood  
 in the Ch= of Engd= conducted  
 on rational principles.

I, for one, should with=draw  
 our Midwifery School, as  
 soon as our engagements  
 with the Hospl= rendered  
 it possible - tho' there  
 is absolutely nowhere else  
 where I could put it.

I do not know what to do -  
 Personal meddling might  
 do more harm than good.  
 I should like to consult  
 you - [I *have* told Mr.  
 Bowman my mind  
 about the Chaplain. But,  
 then, you see, Mr. Bowman  
 is of our mind.]

With regard to Lord Ebury I

think, if he *has* written to  
the committee of the  
Charing x Hospl=, as this  
involves a question of  
practical *Nursing*, I  
might speak about that,  
if *you* know Ld Ebury.]  
But, you see, we don't know  
what he has written.

It is also said that an  
anonymous letter has been  
traced to him. But this  
is hardly likely, is it? -

No one can suspect me of  
ecclesiastical propensities -  
And I consider that Miss  
Jones is the only person  
(in *England*) who has  
solved the problem of nursing  
a Hospital by a  
Sisterhood - well & thoroughly.

*Private* {at angle}

2. I am sure that, after all you have done for the (Gonzaga) nuns at Gt Ormond St, you will be sorry to hear that Dr. Manning sent for the Superioress on Saturday & told her that he had powers from Rome (which I believe to be a lie) to remove them - & that he would let them know his decision in a week. Nothing more can be done. Priestcraft is the same in all countries - it CANNOT allow independent action & good administration to any under its power - whether that power is Anglican or Roman - ever yours

F.N.

**[end 3:467]**

9002/88 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Dec. 29/66  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

[13:46-47]

My dear Sir Harry

I saw Parthe. She looked  
better than I expected -  
She told me what you  
had kindly written to  
Lord Ebury. Pray remember  
that we do not really  
know what he *has* done.  
And he *may* deny it all,  
if it was private.

==  
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About sending my letter  
(about Children's Hospitals)  
to Manchester: - I think

it entirely depends as  
to whether Mr. McConnel  
is the sort of man  
who would keep the  
details & anecdotes  
strictly private,  
while extracting  
from it the general  
principles - AT ALL  
EVENTS I would  
ask you carefully  
to scratch out  
the NAME of any  
Hospital I have

mentioned - [I remember  
mentioning the name  
of King's Coll: Hosp:  
in it] Even thus,  
unless a man is strictly  
reliable, not only for  
honour but for discretion,  
it is so easy to trace  
these anecdotes -  
And it injures not  
only the funds of THAT  
Hospital but the  
general cause -  
And it invariably happens  
that the Hospitals

about which these  
anecdotes transpire,  
& for which they  
suffer, are the  
GOOD ones (who  
have found out &  
punished the  
neglects of duty),  
while the Hospitals  
about which *no*  
neglects of duty  
transpire, are  
the BAD ones -

E.g. in one of the  
largest London Hospitals

[2]

the Head Nurse of a Children's ward in it, contiguous to an adult ward, after years of brutal treatment of the sick children, was detected & dismissed. These years of cruelty went on, spite of Lady Visitors, spite of the Adult Patients in the next ward, tho', I believe, finally detected by *their* means. The Matron, an excellent

woman, told me the story herself - Now these things go on undetected in many a Hospital, aye in many a Hospital nursed by nuns. But *this* Hospital, which detected & punished ~~it~~ them, would be the one singled out for abuse, if I were to tell this story.

Alas: - a private letter of mine  
was lately read at  
a general meeting of  
the Lincoln Hospital  
a garbled account of  
it found its way into  
the papers - and a  
remark of mine -  
(~~about~~ against Nursing under  
Medical Officers)  
has given the most  
intense offence to  
the Medical profession  
- whereas I should  
not have had the  
slightest objection to

their knowing what I  
really did write.

{in pencil;}But the mischief is: - in garbled  
reports of private letters getting into  
the papers - which were never intended for  
them.

**[end]**

{pen} I shall hope to see you  
before you leave London  
on Tuesday morning.

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

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

9002/89 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: 31 Dec '66}

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry & very glad to see that Ld. Ebury's account & that of St. John's House exactly agree.

We knew, of course, that he was "not a subscriber" - that he "knew nothing of the circumstances" at ~~these~~ King's Coll:- that "something of a similar nature" was "going on at "the Charing Cross Hospital "in reference to the nurses "of the sisterhood of St. John's" - [is Lord Ebury ignorant - or is he pretending to be ignorant that the "St. John's" of "King's Coll: Hosp."]

is the same as the "St. John's" which is to nurse Charing Cross - If he is ignorant, how wrong of him to interfere about what he knows nothing of!]

We know, of course, that ("in "that") Ld Ebury "has taken some interest" - we knew, of course, that "that is entirely ecclesiastical." It was *because* we knew all this that we asked you to be so good as to interfere - it was *because* we knew that the prejudice against Miss Jones was "entirely ecclesiastical," in

consequence of her *non*=  
ecclesiastical propensities  
that I communicated to  
you all the circumstances  
of the machinations of  
the Chaplain against  
Miss Jones - [ is Ld Ebury  
ignorant that *she* is the  
Supt of "St. John's"?] at  
*King's Coll*: Hospl. in  
order that Ld Ebury  
might know the rights of  
the case at *Charing X* Hospital

We did not want him  
to become "a subscriber".  
It was not on that account  
that I told you how the  
Chaplain was injuring the

funds of ~~the~~ King's College Hospital.  
It was because we knew  
that Ld Ebury, influenced  
by this Chaplain, had  
written (just as he says  
he has) against "St. John's"  
to the *Charing Cross* Hospital

It appears to me that he  
has either entirely mis=  
understood your letter or  
is *wilfully* misinterpreting  
it.

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

New Year's Eve. 66

9002/90 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest mum

    Could you send me  
Parthe's letter from the Bishop of Melanesia  
    &  
Kneller's List of Books  
    now?

F.

9002/91 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Monday

Dearest

    I have "this minit" received two of dear  
Mme Mohl's scrambling letters, announcing  
that she will be at this door at 11.40  
to-morrow-morning - (Tuesday)

    & asking whether she can be taken in  
at you's - till Saturday or Sunday  
when she returns to Paris

    [I must tell you that I had myself  
once proposed this plan to her -  
I "finding" every thing, including  
"servanting", just as if she were  
in *this* house.]

She says it is not a *necessity* to her, as  
she could go to Miss Sturch's, Regents  
Park, (Miss Sturch is absent & ill)  
but that it is a *convenience*, because  
Lady William Russell, where she "will  
"dine almost every day", lives at the  
end of this street (Audley Square)

Mme Mohl does not know that you are in town. Or she would of course have written to you -

Please ~~say~~ tell me what you like - Also say, if you accept her, what had better be done about the "servanting". [I will provide all the food]. whether your old woman would wish to be helped (or would be offended at being helped) by my maids, especially about cooking. whether I had better send in everything *cooked* from here. [I can also provide sheets, if you like} *This* week will perhaps be the busiest week of my life - so that it is not for pleasure that I forward any arrangement of this kind. But, for all these years, I have always felt such a great regret that I could not give Mme Mohl a room in London, as poor Hilary, who could ill afford it,

did. I always look upon Mme Mohl as Hilary's best, if not only friend. *Her* house in Paris was the only home Hilary has ever known. And Hilary's family have never requited her but by saying & writing ill-natured things of her - (to me) And, for the matter of that, *her* home has been a home to me at Paris. I could always go there - And yet I have never been able to give her or M. Mohl a home in London, tho' Hilary did.

R.S.V.P.

I have just had a note from Beatrice. She says she is going down to Lea Hurst with you to-day. I suppose we could not let her know that you do not go till Tuesday?

ever your

F.

9002/92 unfinished letter, 1f, pencil [1:336]

Dearie

It is very good of you to offer to come to= tomorrow- But I could not see any one, not if it were to save my life.

I thought you knew that I worked every day from 7.30 to 5.30 -

& that *before* I I could not see any one *except* to save the Indian Empire

9002/93 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1866}

Dearie

If you could come a little before 3 for about ½ an hour, I should be very glad.

F.

Sunday

9002/94 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

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

Dear

This Hickson woman writes 4 sheets (I suppose addressed to me but I thought addressed to you) as there is no address on the sheets to me)

She gives *no date & no address* -!!!! What is the date?

Where am I to find her?

Who is she? - Where is she?

A woman who gives all this trouble must surely be wholly unfit for business -without giving one the means of reaching

I have many letters  
from insane of  
this kind.

If you will write her address  
on the back of this, I will  
answer her. It is always  
less trouble to me to write  
than to dictate an answer

About earth=closets, I [6:536]  
wrote to Sir H. a fortnight  
ago at his own request  
telling him all our  
experience, which amounts  
(abbreviated ) to this: -  
Anything is better than the  
ordinary Cottage arrangement  
But bigger "vegetables" are

procured by liquid manure  
than by earth manure,  
which *must* wait for  
rain to fertilize it.  
Attacks of fever & Cholera  
are distinctly traceable  
to earth closets & manure -  
The destruction of life in  
Indian Jails & Paris  
Gaols in consequence has  
been so awful that they  
don't dare to publish  
the results.

We are quite impartial - We  
are now going to *try* it  
at an Aldershot Jail,  
*unless* it prove *less*  
expensive to bring water.  
I showed Sir H. the wonderful  
experiments in Garden culture

(now published) produced  
by the *liquid* system, at  
a return of £100 per acre -  
& without fear or danger.

F.

9002/95 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?67}

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

Dearest

I never make the least  
rally. I am afraid I  
must be quite quiet  
to day - unless Sir Harry  
would come in for 10  
minutes now - to tell  
me about Mr. Villiers.

I have not heard from  
that blessed angel Colnaghi  
- Nor has he sent me the

Turners as he promised - Was he annoyed  
about the Dresden?

F.N.

9002/96 delivery notes, 1f, pen

J.J. Frederick Esq  
Army Sanitary Commission  
War Office  
Pall Mall  
London S.W.

2 brace partridges  
1 Hare  
1 Pheasant

*carriage paid*

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J. Floris Esq  
89 Jermyn Street  
London S.W.

2 brace partridges  
1 Hare  
*carriage paid*

Mrs. Sutherland  
Oakleigh  
Alleyn Park  
Norwood  
London S.

9002/97 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

Dr. Johnson's  
Great Malvern  
Jan 11/67

Dearest mum

The present packet  
strictly limited to business  
- the next to pleasure.

I enclose a note to Mrs.  
Watson about Jenny Dowding,  
who, if you see no objection,  
I think should come to me  
in London about January  
23 - but certainly *not*  
*before* I return myself.  
I will write again.

You will see that I received  
your hamper all right &  
very welcome - many thanks.

I enclose a note to Mrs.  
Webb about the washing.

As for my coming here: it certainly has answered. Nothing else would have broken off the perpetual grind=stone, the tread wheel of my life in London but my total disappearance. People, (*NOT Government* People,) had got into the habit of sending me their business at all hours & desiring their Messengers to wait till it was done. I have been interrupted thus three times in one page in a letter to Sir John Lawrence. Nay, I have even been unable to read a letter received from him till the next morning. It makes all real business impossible.

When people find out  
that you are 13 months  
at a stretch, & always in  
doors, in London, this is  
what it comes to.

I keep the secret  
absolutely of where I am  
now - & I shall keep the  
secret (as long after my  
return as possible) of my return.  
And I shall make  
stringent rules ( and,  
I hope, keep to them)  
after my return, as  
to only allowing messages  
& letters to be brought me  
at certain hours in order  
to set myself free *for my real business* -  
I take no "treatment"  
here, but old Mary (the

bath=woman whom Papa  
will remember at  
Umberlade) bathes me  
twice a day in the same  
way I do myself at home,  
which saves me much  
fatigue.

We have had nothing  
but fog & snow, except two  
mornings when I saw,  
I think, the most  
beautiful sunrises I ever  
saw in all my life -  
the clearest blue, the  
deepest violet, the most  
burning golden, the  
brightest red - over the  
whole valley. I  
{printed address, upside down:}  
35 South Street, always think  
Park Lane,  
London. W.  
that, except at Rome, there

[7:327]

are no such sunrises  
as here. Milton's "opal  
coloured morn," & Guido's  
St. Michael (in blue  
with a rosy coloured  
drapery) stamping on  
the Dragon in the  
Cappuccini at Rome  
must have been taken  
from some such sun=  
rises. I always think  
of my dearest mum  
when I see (not  
exactly sun=rises but)  
such colouring.  
The last 10 days have been  
absolutely dark.  
I shall not however,  
come here again, tho' I

[end 7:327]

consider that the  
absolute silence &  
solitude (except 10  
minutes a day of Dr.  
Johnson) has answered.  
For I mean, please God,  
quite certainly to come  
to my dearest mum  
this year -  
    ever your loving child  
    F.

9002/98 initialed letter 1f, pen

Jan 16/67

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

My dear Sir Harry

Dr. Sutherland & I opened  
the enclosed, hoping to save  
you time & trouble. As I  
have two of the papers left.

But this is a correspondence  
I could not undertake - And  
therefore I forward it to you.

I should like to see  
the man's letter again some  
time - for what he says  
I have always thought.

I am sorry to see  
that he corroborates what  
we all think that  
education in England is,  
so backward that we

really have not made the  
progress in Institutions  
corresponding with the  
French Govt's ~~Institu~~ Invitation.

All my life I have thought  
it so absurd to hear  
people inveighing against  
the absence of saving habits  
- against the ignorance of  
their own interests - in  
our working men - shewn  
by their Trades Unions &c -  
When how can it be otherwise  
if we give them so little  
& such poor Education?

It is nonsense to say that they don't appreciate "education".  
How can they appreciate what so few of them ever see?

We are overwhelmed with  
business for the Cabinets.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/99 initialed letter 3ff, pen

Jan 19/67

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

Dear Papa

I have been pressed to that  
degree this winter that, tho'  
I had many things to write  
to you about, I have not  
been able; nor even to do much  
that is urgent business. [To my  
great uneasiness, I have  
e.g. a letter from the Gd  
Duchess of Baden, whom  
I helped to organize her  
Nursing Society, by me  
these four weeks, not only  
unanswered but actually  
unread. The same with  
the Crown Pr. of Prussia.]

I ought to have returned the enclosed before; - in this case the Medical man & the people about Wirksworth who are likely to support a Hospital should first judge of the necessity.

If all are agreed that a Village Hospital is necessary, then let them try one, if they can get the funds.

I myself think the case of Wirksworth a very different one from that

of Romsey (where not one fact but the existence of a Mrs. Henderson which has nothing to do with a Hospital, except that both begin with a H, was adduced, that I ever heard, to prove its necessity.) At the same time, the passage I have marked in blue, in the enclosed letter, is not conclusive as to the necessity of a Hospital but as to the necessity of a "skilled" Nurse, capable of nursing an operation. I myself know, in one of

the largest & unhealthiest  
cities in this Kingdom,  
a hard-worked Railway  
Surgeon, who actually  
preferred attending his  
Railway accidents at  
their own poor homes,  
tho' he had miles to go,  
to attending them at  
his own Infirmary  
because, he said, they  
recovered better.  
At the same time, I only  
throw this out as a hint.  
Cases of severe Surgical injury  
ARE, as a general rule,  
best nursed & attended  
to in a Hospital, with  
all its appliances at  
hand - provided, and

this is a great proviso -  
the Managers know how  
to keep up the health  
of the Hospital - which  
is sometimes as much  
neglected in a cottage  
Hospital as in any other.

ever dear Pa  
Your loving child  
F.

I hope that you have got  
the better of your cramp -  
& that you let Webb  
rub you EVERY night.

9002/100 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 26 Jan 67}

Dearest mother  
{6&1/2 lines scribbled out}

And then

I had not time to  
re=envelope & forward  
it.

Here it is.

Would you kindly let me  
know whether any  
mending of our Linen

is now done at Embley?

It ought not to be.  
Some linen, I think, is  
better mended clean.  
But I stipulated with  
this woman, Rainer,  
that, dirty or clean, it  
was all to be mended  
here, & none of it to  
left, as Delany did,  
to be mended at Embley.

in haste

ever, dearest mum,

F.

Jan 26/67

9002/101 initialed letter 2ff, pen {arch: 5 Feb 67}

Dearest mum

You will be sorry to hear that poor Miss Jones is full of cares & troubles. And, as if she had not enough, she fell this day fortnight, on that Tuesday night when all the rain froze, on her way to Charing X Hospital, & injured her back.

I am sure it would do her all the good possible to come to Embley. And it would please her to hear

from you.

I hope you yourself are coming to London presently.

I thought Papa looking remarkably well.

I believe Parthe is pretty well.

We are as busy as we possibly can be. I have been meaning to write every day

ever my dearest mum's  
loving child  
F.

If you are so kind as to  
write to Miss Jones,  
please address her

*Miss Jones*

*Lady Supt*

*King's College Hospital*

*London W.C.*

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We have no political  
news yet. Ministers  
have kept their secret,  
even from us. After  
to day there will be  
enough & to spare.

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Distress in London is  
still dreadful -  
- financial crisis last  
year  
- strikes upon that -  
and a temporary

aggravation from frost  
- the main causes -  
Feb 5/67

I am very sorry to tell  
you that poor Mrs.  
Sutherland has  
another impending  
death in her family  
- & has gone, being  
suddenly summoned -  
to Birkenhead to-day.

9002/102 incomplete letter 1f, pencil

Feb 7/67

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

Dearie

The excellent Mr. Jowett  
is coming on Sunday at 3  
to give me the Sacrament.

Would you or Sir Harry  
or both like to come?

R.S.V.P.

Papa took some M.S.S. of  
mine out of this house  
into yours - promising to  
return them the next day -  
I reminded him each time  
I saw him - This is  
Thursday - & none have

9002/103 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 7 Feb. 67}

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for  
your letter.

I think it would be  
better to send on Mr:  
Chadwick's *drill* pamphlet  
to me - & I will promise  
to return it to you. I  
think it is a very good  
idea for you to  
recommend it to Kneller.  
ever dearest mum  
your loving child  
F.

Feb 7/67

9002/103 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for  
your letter.

I think it would be  
better to send on Mr:  
Chadwick's *drill* pamphlet  
to me - & I will promise  
to return it to you. I  
think it is a very good  
idea for you to  
recommend it to Kneller.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Feb 7/67

9002/104 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I had meant to have showed you the  
enclosed letter from Mr. Farnall of Feb 10 as the  
first of a series (on Mr. Hardy's Bill ) of  
which you saw to-day the two last -

We took upon Mr. Farnall as their best  
Administrator -

Please return it me in the morning.

I send you my printed paper.

Feb 19.67 ever yours

F.N.

9002/105 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Feb. 26/67

Dearest mum

I have been so very sorry  
no to write to you. It was  
such a very great comfort  
to me to hear you say that  
you had passed this winter  
more comfortably than the  
two preceding ones.

But it has been quite  
impossible to me to write.  
We have been so busy with  
this Metropolitan Poor Bill  
and with India. And I  
have had such an attack  
on my chest that for 17  
nights I could not lie down.  
It could not have happened  
at a worse time. For it  
has made me so in arrear

with my work -

I think Parthe remarkably well for her. Poor Sir Harry is worried about his Railway. Papa wrote most cheerily.

Poor Mrs. Sutherland only came home yesterday from a most painful watching - the third death in her own family in less than 6 months - [from the same most painful disease Lady Clark died of - this was.]

And now I have only time to write about my own affairs. Rainer is going - Would to God I had never seen her - She has been the most mischievous I have had yet.

And yesterday morning,  
Jane Lyons writes me this  
note, undated & unsigned.

"Madam,  
I take this opportunity of  
writing to you to say, I wish  
to leave you this day month.  
As I wish to take a place  
as cook where dinners  
are sent to the dining room  
daily.

I remain your  
obedient servant Jane"  
Her mother, Mrs. Lyons, who  
has always been my staunch  
friend, has come up to  
see about it in great  
distress. Nothing will  
make Jane speak. Her  
mother asked her: "How  
could you write Miss N.  
such an insolent note?"

All she would answer was: -  
"Well - I did."  
Rainer has upset my household  
from top to bottom -  
I believe I shall have to  
get rid of her before the  
month is out -  
And they seize the moment  
of my illness to do this.  
I am sure Mrs. Watson  
will be surprised at the  
ingratitude of her pupil -  
                  ever dearest mum  
          under press of business  
                  Your loving child  
                          F.

Would you kindly send one  
or two pots of preserves  
by next box? -  
George Pembroke has been  
dangerously ill - And the  
other Herberts at Wilton  
have had measles.

9002/106 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Friday {arch: ? Nov 1867}

Dearest

Would you or Sir Harry (or both) like to take the  
Sacrament with me this next Sunday at 3?

I believe the good Mr. Jowett is coming to give  
it me - R.S.V.P.

You probably know that I have had to tell Rainer  
to go at once - She goes tomorrow - I was one  
amazing big fool not to do this a month ago - She  
"stands revealed" as a mischief-maker of the worst

order. And I have to pay a month's wages & a  
month's board for my folly in not telling her to  
be off a month ago -

And, what is worse, she has misled my good silly  
little cook, Jane, who gave me warning on  
Monday in the most "insolent note" - (her mother's  
word - not mine) Now she is down on her knees  
for me to "forgive her" & "let her stay" -  
I would gladly do so, but don't know whether  
it would be wise -

I am thinking now of taking Aunt Patty's old  
maid, Legge, as cook & housekeeper, with a  
kitchen-maid, as she is so old -

And myself doing without any other maid  
than Temperance -

ever your

F.

9002/107(1) six letters, 6ff, pencil, letter 1

Sunday  
35 South Street, v{printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W {arch: ? Nov 1867}

Dearie

My cough gets worse, instead  
of better. And I cannot lie  
down at night. I am not  
fit to speak one word -

I shall not be down stairs  
to-day -

But, if you like to come  
at 3 o'cl. to this high region,  
& tell me Mr. Bowman's story,  
without letting me talk, I  
shall be very much obliged.

I have had a fortnight  
of nights now that I have  
not been able to lie down

letter 2

Sunday {arch: ? Nov 1867}  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W

Dearie

If Sir Harry could come in for  
10 minutes to talk about  
Dr. Sutherland's affair as he  
was so good as to suggest -

& then you for 10 minutes -  
I am afraid that is all I  
am up to -

F.

letter 3

Thursday {arch: 2 Nov ?67}  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane

Dearie

Could you let  
Temperance's brother  
come in at 2, & help  
her to wait on a  
man who comes to  
business & to *lunch* today  
(you see I have now  
one maid short -)  
F.

letter 4 {arch: ? Nov 1867}

I could spare Temperance  
to go to Stodare tonight  
or any such dissipation  
if you could spare her  
brother to go with her.  
F.N.

letter 5

Can we send you any luncheon?  
Dearie  
I am very sorry - But I am afraid I can hardly  
spare a minute.  
Had I known you were coming, I would have put  
off Dr. S.  
As *it is*, you know I can never see any one or even  
read a letter between 11 & 2 -  
We are overwhelmed with business - And I, as  
always at this time of year, am overwhelmed with  
illness -  
A few minutes before 2.30 is the only minute  
I have. alas!  
I am writing now against time.  
Are you going to *Embley* (today)?  
I should like to have known what Sir Harry said to  
Lord Ebury

letter 6 {arch: ?67}

Dearie

Mrs. Bracebridge is in London - And I see her at 4.15 -

If it is worth your while to come in just for 10 minutes, I should delight in it. *now at once*  
ever your  
F.

9002/108 initialed letter 1f, pencil {arch: Feb or Mar 67}

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

My dear Sir Harry

I certainly should have liked the Bill to-day -

But I don't like to waste your efforts.

I think what would be the best is, what you kindly propose: -

for you to get me one from the Bill office as early as possible tomorrow & if you can't, then to write to Mr. Hardy & ask for one -

It would be a great

convenience to me, if I could

have it by  
11 A.M. tomorrow  
ever yours  
F.N.

9002/109 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [6:402]

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

My dear Sir Harry,

The worst of it is that we don't know what Mr. Hardy's Bill *is*, tho' we have been employed upon it -

If you will cast your eye over Sections III & IV of the paper I enclose, you will see what we *want* -

Of course we must have a *Metropolitan sick* - rate for this consolidation.

One of Mr. Hardy's proposals certainly was: - to club 5 or 6 London Unions together, for their sick - Now that

is absurd -

The very little that has leaked out leads us to fear that his Bill will be a cost & a mischief & a trial & a failure - a kind of abortion of Mr. Villiers' scheme -

Please *not* to mention to ANY one that you have seen my paper - & to return it into my own hand to - day - [They do keep us, officially, like dumb dogs.]

Will Mr. Hardy be obliged to make an exposé of his Bill to night? -

If you are at home  
between 2 p.m. & going down  
to the Ho: of C., & could  
see me for a few minutes,  
I should be very glad

ever yours

F.N.

R.S.V.P.

9002/110 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {1 Mar 67}

Dearest mum

In answer to your kind note.  
Rainer goes tomorrow. I can't  
repair the irreparable - or  
undo the mischief she has  
done - so will say no more  
about it.

I forget whether I told you  
that Jane Lyons is on her  
knees to stay (which I  
expected as soon as she  
found that her evil genius  
was to be bundled off.) I don't  
know whether I should be  
wise in letting her stay.  
You see mine is actually  
a place without a mistress.

What I want to consult you  
about is this: -

Legge (Aunt Patty's Legge)  
is still disengaged.  
Shall I take her as cook &  
housekeeper, with a  
kitchen-maid?

Legge knows very little of  
cooking - but is thorough  
& trustworthy.

Middleton, whom you once  
had, is also disengaged.  
Shall I take *her* as cook  
& housekeeper? - with  
a kitchen maid.

What did you think of  
her cooking? -

What did you think of *her*?

What should you think  
of her housekeeping? -

My household would  
then be: -  
Temperance - to wait upon  
me.

Burch - as housemaid; to  
whom I should give the  
charge of the linen. [I am  
quite sure Legge knows  
nothing of keeping an  
Invalid clean in linen]

Legge as cook & kitchen  
housekeeper - (should you  
fancy she knows enough  
cooking for me?) She is  
too old to do the cleaning.

So I should want a  
fourth. And I would  
take a hard-working  
charwoman, whom I know,  
Kendal, as kitchenmaid  
& to help in the house.

or would you recommend  
Middleton instead of Legge?

I should be only too  
glad to take a kitchen  
maid of your training -  
who wanted to "better  
herself" & would come  
as my cook, if you  
thought her capable.  
But you don't.

I am in no hurry.  
Nothing can have behaved  
better than Jane Lyons  
since I took affairs  
into my own hands,  
ordered Rainer away,  
& saw Jane every day myself

But then the strain upon  
me is very great.  
I am again quite confined  
up-stairs to one bed -  
& can scarcely move  
from Rheumatism.

Tomorrow, as soon as  
Rainer is out of the house,  
I shall speak to  
Temperance & Burch -  
& consult them about  
my new arrangements.  
I give up finding a maid  
to take charge of me.

ever, dearest mum,  
your loving child  
F.

March 1/67

9002/111 signed letter, 6 ff, pen [6:416-17]

March 1/67

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

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I have not yet written  
to you about Mr. Hardy's Bill,  
altho' you asked me.

I sent to Mr. Hardy's  
Commn on cubic space, in  
obedience to their request,  
my views in regard to  
Nursing. I purposely  
avoided any reference to the  
question of administration,  
except by pointing out  
the necessity for a final  
separation between the  
government of the Workhouse  
& the government of the

||

Infirmary.

Since my paper was sent in, I have, as you know read Mr. Hardy's speeches; I have studied them & his Bill. I have been greatly interested, & have admired the excellence of his intention - but, with every desire to hope the very best from the measure, I sorrowfully admit that, unless Mr. Hardy proceeds further in the right direction, we do not see any prospect of the introduction of a suitable sick organization

for the Metropolis - except indeed what may arise from the prospective suffering & out cry which will follow from the operation of the measure, sooner or later.

The most grievous part of the question is, as it appears to us, that there is nobody to tell Mr. Hardy the truth about it.

He has had a Commn almost wholly of Medical men - but only on one or two specific questions - the very giving of advice by such a body of men, on one side of a question may tend to obscure the truth on other sides of it.

I come now to the published resolutions of the Poor Law Medical Officers.

These, not to speak of the manifest contradiction in the principles which they have first & last promulgated, are nothing more than views of the *Medical Side*.

Now Medicine, like Nursing depends for its results neither on Doctors, nor Nurses, who are but the servants & agents of a system, but on the administration under which they are to act.

I need hardly tell you that I have had some twenty years of ample

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opportunities for becoming practically acquainted with sick administration & organization. The forwarding of such questions is indeed one of my daily occupations - and I have to give help in the matter not only to committees of Hospitals & other public Institutions, but to the War Office in regard to Military Hospitals. And I have also been in correspondence with the Government of India on the same matter. Of course, with 20 years' experience of the subject, I cannot help asking myself the question: -

“What will Mr. Hardy’s Bill really do for the administration of sick?

I have been most unwillingly compelled to reply: - as follows: - the question of the Metropolitan sick is purely an administration question - and good administration ( I mean executive work which is the only thing to be recognized in regard to sick) is not provided for in the Bill. What is contemplated is - to continue, under certain improved conditions, the same sort of thing as has existed - but under a better system of inspection - in the hope that, in this way, evil & neglect will be

prevented. But this is  
the very principle of  
administration to be avoided.  
"Inspection" involves in it  
the idea of lax administration  
& failure: - to be remedied  
by punishing somebody -  
for neglect of duty.  
This is fatal.  
The real principle should  
be: - to provide one uniform  
central management for  
the whole Metropolis -  
And all the Hospitals  
should be managed solely  
by paid & responsible  
Officers, under conditions  
which could easily be  
framed to ensure success.  
Laxity or failure is a thing  
not to be contemplated  
when sick are to be dealt

with, unless to be condignly punished.

The head of the administration should be a first-rate practical business man.

One man is quite enough; or, at most, one man & an assistant.

No Hospital Committees of management are required.

Each Hospital should have its head: - also an able practical man.

The only Committee required is a financial one to find the money - and to overhaul the accounts - - and this only because the money must be

{printed address, upside down:}  
35 South Street, raised by rate.  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

[If this were not the case,

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there would be no need of a  
Committee for State  
Hospitals, any more than  
there is for Army or Navy  
Hospitals.]

What is really wanted is an  
entire re-consideration of  
the administrative part  
of the measure -

As it at present stands,  
there will be endless  
squabbles in the Committees, (Boards)  
want of uniformity,  
increase of cost,  
plenty of work for Poor=  
Law Inspectors & Auditors.  
- the SAME neglects  
happening under the very  
noses of the Committees  
or Boards - and worse

than all, unnecessary suffering  
for the sick poor.

The part of the scheme for  
congregating Fever cases  
in large hospitals I don't  
touch upon - farther  
than to say that experience  
is wholly against such  
a measure - for the  
Mortality of Fever Hospitals  
has always been so enormous  
as to raise the gravest  
doubts whether, so far  
as concerns the interests  
of the sick poor, it  
would not save life  
to abolish them - &  
treat Fever-cases in small  
huts.

Pray believe me

dear Sir Harry Verney

ever yours affecty

Florence Nightingale

9002/112 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Mar 1/67

My dear Sir Harry

I did not get your note (kindly offering me from 12 to 12.50) till 12 -

I am afraid it would be quite impossible for me to set part the next hour from my own business -

We are extremely uneasy about this Met: Poor Bill **[6:418]** & the turn things are taking - especially about the Nursing. [This is not my own idea but Mr. Farnall's]

I will take for granted that you sleep at home

tonight (unless I hear to the contrary) & try to send you one or two papers -

hoping to see you on Tuesday -

Mr. Farnall (& I believe Mr. Villiers now) think that this Bill will only open the way to more medical jobbery & more Guardians' jobbery -

F. Burn

I can scarcely move from Rheumatism & am up-stairs

9002/113 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 2/67

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

My dear Capt. Verney

The enclosed is a subject which interests me very much & to which I have indirectly paid some attention -

I would gladly look over it now - but I am sure it would be to little purpose - as you can give me so little time & I am very busy.

I hope you will let me see it in proof - when I will read it *carefully*.

F.N.

9002/114 signed letter, 1f, pen

Mar 7/67

**[15:476]**

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

My dear Capt. Verney

I think your "Society"  
for the "Merchant Seamen"  
a noble thing to do &  
done in the best  
manner.

I have carefully read  
(& shewn to Dr. Sutherland)  
your "Sketch".

We make only the  
enclosed Suggestions.  
ever yours truly  
F. Nightingale

**[end]**

9002/115 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

My impression is that it would be safer  
not to make any allusion to Convict  
Hospital provision for Convict sick -

Mr. Hardy might retort -

If Mr. Hardy's Bill is protracted beyond  
to-night, we might get safer information for  
you - on the above - [It was poor Col: Jebb who showed  
me the plans.]

How very sorry I am for the Dean of Hereford's  
death - one of my oldest friends -  
March 11 {arch ?67} F.N.

9002/116 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Mar 11/67

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

My dear Capt. Verney

The enclosed is admirable,  
and contains excellent  
practical sense, which,  
if embodied in an Act  
of Parlt, diligently  
administered, would  
produce very great  
good.

[15:476-77]

Then would be the time  
to come to detail.

I don't know that  
I have anything to add

at present.

The new War Office & Admiralty scales have not yet been adopted by the India Office, on account of unsettled questions about overland transport - but no doubt copies can be had. The "Placard" about Hygiene (advised in the Report) would be excellent.

It should contain simply the things which the men have a right to.

The manual of Hygiene should be a small tract which any good Naval Medical Officer could easily prepare.

I think the prizes would do great good.

I cannot thank you enough for your beautiful Westminster Abbey playing of yesterday -  
most truly yours

F. Nightingale

**[end 15:477]**

9002/117 signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:422-23]

March 11/67

My dear Sir Harry

On second thoughts, it appears to me that Mr. Hardy's note ought to be taken "au sérieux" - & that the answer to it is something like this: -

there is an expression in his note which seems to indicate that he & you are not quite at one in principle as to the management of sick poor, having claim to attendance & care under the Poor Law.

There are two classes of sick persons who will come under the operation of the Act: -

1. sick persons taken from among paupers actually in the Workhouses, or in actual receipt of Parish relief out of doors
2. what may be called *casual* sick cases occurring among casual poor, or sick cases put on Medical relief

& who thus become chargeable  
on the rates *only & while* they are  
receiving such Medical relief.

Now what we contend is: -that the  
moment any one of these people in either  
class becomes sick, he ceases  
by the very fact to belong any longer  
to the Workhouse category at all.  
These are a new & very special class  
of persons requiring quite another  
kind of care than they could obtain  
under any *Guardian* arrangement -  
And it is for this class that we ought to  
provide such Hospital accommodation,  
attendance, nursing & care as  
we would desire to see provided  
for any poor persons in whom we  
take interest.

We deny the existence of "sick *paupers*"  
or "*paupers sick*" altogether - And  
we intend never to rest until this  
distinction is done away with, and  
a suitable organization provided for

treating these sick people, in which  
no *Guardians'* idea shall find a place.

[Sick *Convicts* are treated as Hospital  
sick - & *not* as "paupers sick" are]

It is not creditable to us that we are  
the only people in Europe among  
whom the idea of treating sick,  
*even from amongst the worst social classes,*  
on the same level as the idle, dissolute  
or debased, or even the unfortunate,  
is recognized.

2. I think the "N. Fund" Committee  
should at once step forward  
in your person, & distinctly offer  
to train, *at their own expence,*  
a Staff of Matron & Nurses, of  
such a kind as that ~~they~~ these could train

others, for London Poor-Law sick -  
 You are the only persons in a  
 position to offer such a thing.  
 It would be a legitimate object  
 of the "N. fund." You would be  
 borne out in it by every body.  
 And I hardly see how Mr. Hardy  
 could refuse - [If he were to order  
 the Guardians tomorrow to provide "*trained  
 Nurses*", you are the only people who could  
 supply them - ever yours  
 & this only in  
 time. \_\_\_\_\_ F. Nightingale  
 9002/118 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

March 11 {arch: -67}

My dear Sir H.

I think ~~what would be~~ the best would be,  
 if you could come in about 1/4 before 1 here -  
 I shall then have got through some of the  
 (accumulated) other business with Dr.  
 Sutherland, if he is industrious - And he  
 will still be here, which *may* be a help  
 to us about Mr. Hardy's Bill -

But, if 2.30 would be more convenient,  
 I shall then be alone & at your service -

Please say which -

Mr. Hardy's note is unintelligible to me - He is **[6:422]**

confuting windmills -

1. We never said that the Bill was to  
 embrace any but "paupers" -

The expression we used, "to separate sickness  
 from pauperism", he adopted from me &  
 used *himself* in his speech -

2. We never said that there were not "ample  
 powers for complete separation of the sick" -

What we said was that to put them in  
 district hospitals (Asylums) under new  
 boards of Guardians (Managers) was to leave  
 them just as they were before, in all

essentials - & that to pay the Officers from the common Fund, *leaving the appointments in the hands of these Guardians*, is just to open a new door for jobbery -

I have at this moment a (private) note (not to me) of Ld Grosvenor's in my hand, saying merely the same thing, except the last sentence but saying that we shall get nothing more out of Mr. Hardy this Session -  
People call Mr. Hardy a clear-headed man -

everything I have known of him has been just the reverse -

On Friday he told Mr. Graves that I *did* say I was *not* satisfied with the Liverpool Workhouse Nursing - Mr. Graves thought it of sufficient importance to write to Mr. Rathbone, who writes to me this morning that I must get it authoritatively contradicted -

F.N.

9002/119 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South Street W.  
March 12/67

My dear Sir Harry Verney

As the Metropolitan Poor Bill is now out of the Ho: of C. Committee, the only question is whether any reconsideration of the principle could be had in the Lords.

The administrative machinery proposed is really an extension of the present system of Boards of Guardians, with a minority of nominated members added. It is greatly to be feared that there will be the same quarrels, bickerings & inefficiency under this new system as there has been under the old. As the care of sick is not a question of Guardians but an administrative matter, could the principle be

discussed fully (in the Lords) of having one Central Committee instead of a number of Boards, - and over this Central Committee a paid executive Chairman to take charge of all the Hospitals & their Officers? -

If the Ho: of Lords were to **[6:425]** affirm this principle, we should have an efficient administration - whereas, by leaving the matter in the hands of a number of Boards, there will be no uniformity of procedure. and the Poor Law Relief idea will still be carried into the care of sick, with which care it has nothing to do

Pray believe me  
ever yours affectely  
Florence Nightingale

9002/120 initialled letter, 1f, pencil bundle 153 [6:423]

My dear Sir Harry                      March 12 [HCV 1873, wrong] [1867]  
When does Mr. Mill's Motion come on (on the  
Metropolitan Poor Bill)? -  
I was afraid it was all done -  
I had not seen Mr. Mill's notice till  
you were so good as to send it in -  
I hope you will not talk of your "Parliamentary  
life" being "nearly finished" -  
Why should it not last as long as Ld Palmerston's  
is the earnest question of  
yours ever gratefully F.N.

9002/121 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 12 {arch: 67}

My dear Sir Harry

Tho' I am grieved at the result of the Bill,                      [6:424]  
I was not at all disappointed.  
And I am quite sure that you did the  
very best that could be done ~~by~~ for us -  
If the Archangel Michael himself had come  
down, to make a Motion for us, more could  
not have been done -  
I confess I had not the least hope -  
I had seen two letters from our most  
eminent M.P.s in the morning, wh said  
there was not the least hope -  
For my part, tho' I felt very much discouraged,

I think a good step has been gained in the right direction - which will ultimately be followed by more - It is, as you say, a good sign of ~~the Times~~ public opinion when the eldest son of the greatest proprietor in London who pays least Poor Rates & will be mulcted for the sick poor in the event of a Common Fund to the greatest degree, is willing to go in for it. Besides, Mr. Villiers has committed himself to it.

I hope very little of the practical result of the present Bill -

I have that faith in the moral power of Bumbledom that it will carry every one of its traditions & practices triumphantly thro' any modification of Boards of Guardians. They will be Guardians always -

With regard to F. Stephen writing in "Pall Mall Gazette", I should

say (what I shall say to another paper which has asked me ) that, as far as my own judgment goes, we had better make the best of what we have got - of course they will do as they think right. But I think it is wasting breath at present.

It would not do for me to be troublesome to Ministers - We must help Mr. Hardy as well

as we can, if he will let us, with the Nurses.

[If Mr. Villiers comes in, we may be able to help him with details of a Bill in a much wider manner -

Mr. V. himself wrote to me that he was "ashamed " I "should see" "what Sensational "ignorance is."]

As long as there was hope of modifying the Bill, (or of getting it ~~amended~~ thrown out in Ho: of Lords,) I think we were right to agitate.

As to the Lords, would it be worth while (I don't know that it would) for me to write to Ld Shaftesbury or to ask you to see him & get his opinion - I should write something as follows.

9002/122 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [1:262-63]

March 13/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dear Papa

I am looking forward to  
seeing you next week -

Thank you for writing about  
Count Bismark - To my surprise  
& joy it is that he is alive.  
*Of course he must come back  
with you* - And by that time  
I shall have found him a  
comfortable home - in a  
suburban retreat - I would  
not leave him by himself at  
Lea Hurst on any account -

Now mark the progress of a  
myth - in the idea of the school,

children that Bismark was my  
Russian cat - brought home  
by me - thus: -  
*Peter* was a Russian, brought  
home by me -  
They have in their lessons a *white*  
Russian bear -  
Therefore Miss N.'s *white* cat,  
under *Peter's* care, must  
have been brought from Russia,  
by Miss N -

As usual, I have no time to  
write - tho' much to write  
about - How we must  
mourn the good Dean Dawes -

I mind, as if it were yesterday,  
17 years ago, staying with  
them at King's Somborne, &  
seeing his tears, sacred tears,  
at leaving his people. Now  
King's Somborne School is all  
ruined -

He was nearly the last of  
my oldest friends -

ever dear Pa  
your loving child  
F

The East wind here beats every  
winter I have ever seen  
in London -

9002/123 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [6:426]

March 13/67

My dear Sir Harry

I entirely concur in your opinion about my  
not meddling in the Ho: of Lords -

It is very odd if Ld Carnarvon, now he is free  
of the Cabinet, does nothing - he having  
committed himself publicly to the principle  
of a paid central administration (for the  
sick poor, chargeable to the Parish.)

It is very plain, that the Ho: of Commons,  
understanding nothing at all about the matter,

has committed itself to Hardy & "all his works".

As for me, it would not do for me, even in my small way, to do anything to weaken the hands of the Poor Law Board - by carping at its Bill - As, of all things that I desire, I desire most that, if Mr. Villiers comes in, he should work & enlarge upon Mr. Hardy's Bill with a strong hand. It is our policy to weaken the Guardians & strengthen the Poor Law Board -

That Mr. Hardy has fallen into the hands of thieves (in interpreting his own principles) viz -Fleming, Corbett & Markham, is, I believe, certain -

As to Mr. Mill's motion this morning: -  
it would be a great amendment  
But it is not carefully worded -

And I am afraid Mr. Hardy will say: - "the powers it seeks are already included in my Bill" -

If they are, or if Mr. Mill's motion is carried,  
it will be an uncommonly good ground-work for Mr. Villiers to work upon, if he comes in. Please let me know the result.

Mr. Mill's motion ought to elicit a very good *discussion on the principles* of administration

F.N.

9002/124 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 13/67

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

My dear Capt. Verney

Would you read the  
enclosed from Admiral Ryder?

I have no objection to your  
printing my Suggestions in  
the Appendix to your Report.

Still, I don't think that  
is the way to do business -

The suggestions were sent  
for you to consider, not  
for the public.

It was supposed that, as ~~the~~ your  
Committee had asked for  
them, *they* would take them  
into consideration -

To print them at the end  
of your Report is merely  
a mark of respect to me,  
& *not what the object was,*  
viz -to submit them for  
you to work out.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

9002/125 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil bundle 153

March 13. {arch: 1873 [1867]}  
2.15 p.m.

My dear

I am afraid I could not, at a moment's notice, suggest a better wording -

1. I believe that, with the exception of the words, ("or the executive direction") Mr. Hardy could truly say that he has taken powers in the Bill to do all Mr.

Mill asks, if he (Mr. Hardy) likes -

Of course he (Mr Hardy) *won't* like -

2. The "administration of relief" is a very (possibly purposely) careless wording - We have ~~th~~carefully

restrained ourselves ( in considering this Bill) to the "administration of relief" *for the sick poor* - meaning thereby, of course, the "sick poor" *chargeable to the Parish* -

We all were of one mind about this - viz. that it was better *for this Bill* to limit ourselves to the *sick poor*.

3. I believe Mr. Hardy could say that, under this Bill, it was perfectly competent for him to constitute the Metropolis into one "district" - "And then, But for the words "executive direction" - (and it seems

to me that, even about these words, Mr. Hardy is capable of bamboozling the House to anything - ) but for these words - Where will Mr. Mill's Motion be? -I mean, it will not get us any the nearer our firm central administration -

in haste

It will be *most* important that Mr. Mill should get up a discussion *now* to-day on these principles of administration -

9002/126 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1867} [6:426]

March 14  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I think it an advantage to  
insert the words

"board of management" -  
instead of merely "district  
"board" -

It would stand "district  
"board of management".

As regards the words after

"relief:" -

I would insert "to the sick  
"poor chargeable *to the rates*".

This would be better than

"to the *Union*".

It is an immense advantage

to us that Mr. Mill should  
get up this discussion on  
the principles of administration  
& teach the House a little  
ever yours  
F.N.

9002/127 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [6:427]

Mar 14/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I see by the "Times that  
the "amendments" in Mr.  
Hardy's Bill were "considered"  
yesterday -tho' there is no  
report - & that the "Third  
Reading" is to-day -

What does Mr. Mill  
mean to do about his  
Motion? - what *can* he do?

Mr. Mill certainly knows  
what he is about.

And, if even a permissive  
Clause could be carried, it  
would be of great use for

Mr. Villiers to act upon, if he  
has the courage, when he  
comes in.

[I heard yesterday that Mr.  
Forster M.P. said Ministers  
would be out before another  
week - But I suppose  
this is not likely - perhaps  
not desirable.]

If you think anything will  
be done tonight by Mr. Mill,  
perhaps you would send  
me back his Notice of Motion  
which I sent you back  
yesterday -

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I send back your Cubic Space  
Report, with thanks, the Poor  
Law Board having had at last  
the grace to send me (2) copies.

9002/128 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 15/67

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

[15:477]

My dear Capt. Verney

I think, with you, that *the  
best thing to do with my  
Suggestions will be to leave them  
OUT OF the Appendix.*

Your Report is a PRACTICAL  
one - that is the beauty of it

I wrote, as you are aware,  
merely in obedience to a request  
- merely to submit points for  
the practical consideration of  
your Committee -

That. (viz. practical consideration)  
is the end of the whole matter

I now merely add: -  
one principal cause of the  
high Sick & Death Rates  
among Merchant seamen  
is their wretched accommodation

The more useful attention  
you draw to this, viz. the best  
sanitary arrangements on  
board ship for crews - the  
better.

To get drawings & models  
from practical people - is  
a course which has succeeded  
in similar things -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

9002/129 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Mar 16/67

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

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for sending  
me Sir G. Stucley's Notice  
(who is Sir G. Stucley?)  
We have been expecting  
it for a very long while.  
You know, 2 years ago,  
it was Percy Herbert  
who did it.

We can't possibly do  
without Dr. Sutherland  
at the W.O. It is he who

does all the Sanitary work,  
who keeps us going.  
Genl Peel, who always  
behaves like a  
gentleman, has just  
thanked him for his  
Gibraltar Report -  
(Dr. Sutherland is  
gone to Malta -  
he started last night)  
- on Sanitary matters -)  
He Dr. Sutherland has been President of  
*all* our Sanitary expeditions.  
Ld Stanley was fully aware

that his work on the R.  
Sanitary India Commission  
- & now on the standing  
Army Sanitary comm: -  
was indispensable.

Who will answer on

Tuesday?

Sir J. Pakington?

*He* knows nothing

about it.

I have sent to the  
W.O. to know what is  
to be done.

ever yours

F.N.

[illeg letter or notes opposite, not FN

9002/130 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 23.3.67 written twice}

Dearest mum

I think you will like to see this account of our dear Dean Dawes - And probably Kneller will like to hear it too.

Another heavy fall of snow yesterday - but gone to-day. Thanks for you most beautiful scarlet Rhododendrons - 3 blooms on a stalk.

As soon as you like to send me the two kits, I am ready for them. But please send word; that I may have them met at the Station - & let them be directed accordingly, so

that my Messenger may be able to claim them.

Papa comes to town on Tuesday  
ever dearest mum  
your loving child  
F.

March 23/67

9002/131 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: 26.3.67}

Dearie

As you have Capt. V. & Emily with you (to whom my love) if it would be of any convenience to you to put Papa (& Peter) to sleep here, pray do - but send me word -

Sir Harry will have told you what a mess I am in to-day - workmen on the roof - workmen in the basement -chimney pot & soot blown down into the drawing-room - carpet had to be taken up & sent to the Steam-bleachers -drawing-room unusable I shall be all right tomorrow - But to-day I am, of animals,  
March 26 "most deject & wretched" F. {arch: ?1867}

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9002/132 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 28/67

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

My dear Capt. Verney

I don't see any particular  
harm (except in the grammar)  
in my letter.

And I don't see nay  
particular good -

Only, please, *if it is* published,  
omit the address -

[You could hardly imagine the  
quantity of application brought  
me by any such accidental  
publication of my address.]

It has occurred to me to  
suggest to you *not* to disband

your Committee too soon -

I am a very bad one to give  
advice on points of policy -

But I cannot but recall  
that the reason why the (our) two  
R. Sanitary (Army & India)  
Commissions had results  
*practically* far surpassing  
those of ordinary R. Commissions  
was:- that they did not  
consider their duties over  
with their Report - Four  
Committees and one standing  
Commission carried out the  
"Recommendations" till we  
saw them assume a  
practical form. In India,  
three standing Commissions  
are doing the same -

ever yours sincerely  
F.N.

9002/133 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:184]

March 30/67

Dearest mum

Papa came on Wednesday,  
as you know. I think he  
is looking very well.

The two kits arrived  
in high health & spirits.  
Have they any names? -  
The one with a white nose  
ought to be called Pet,  
because it is so affectionate  
The one with a yellow nose  
is an immense curiosity -  
it has more hair than  
flesh - & there appears  
to be very little of it  
inside its coat. It  
ought to be called Spit=  
fire. Bismark, the big

white cat, just arrived  
from Lea Hurst with  
Peter went up like a  
gentleman to kiss the  
kitts' hands - Spitfire  
rose up on its hind legs  
& tried to box *his* ears -  
who is at least 7 times  
its size. By standing  
upright on its hind  
tip=toes, it can just  
reach his nose - & it  
tried to fight him -  
They are thorough-bred &  
no mistake.

I am so very busy that  
I cannot write more  
to day - ever dearest mum  
your loving child F

I hear that Emily is  
working remarkably well  
She is, as you know,  
at 32.

9002/134 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [6:403]

My dear Sir Harry

I will gladly see you, please, about the Bill  
(Mr. Hardy's) to-day at 2.30 or at 12 -

R.S.V.P.

I am afraid to morrow it would be impossible for me  
And Thursday - does Mr. Hardy intend to bring  
it on on Thursday? -

R.S.V.P.

[It is not only that we are so busy, but that I can  
get no rest at night for my cough - And, talking  
brings it on - If I could have 24 hours without  
speaking a word - but that is impossible just  
now -]

I have a great many letters (on the Bill) for you

to read - & pencil Drafts of some of my replies.

I could easily send the whole lot to you.  
But I believe you prefer reading them by my  
bed-side, as questions are more easily  
answered -

ever yours

F.N.

You know the Workh: Association has got a Parly  
Committee with Lord Grosvenor & others  
on the Bill.

9002/135 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil {arch: March 67?, Ap or Mar 67}

My dear Sir Harry

[6:405]

What *am* I to do? -

I can't see Mr. Rathbone.

It's quite impossible -

I can't get up - And I can't speak -  
He wrote to me to ask me what he should do -  
I answered by return of post that, after  
consulting 2 or 3 people, I find that our  
party wish the 2nd reading to go on - that  
nothing can be done till after the 2nd reading -  
that it is undesirable he should see Mr. Hardy  
&c &c.

He will set off this morning before he receives my letter -

I enclose a letter from Mr. Villiers -  
to show you the mind he is in about speaking. He wrote to me yesterday an enquiry -  
to which I answered by Messenger -  
This is his reply -

I would have shown you all his letters since the Bill - but that I was afraid he might ask you whether you had seen them.

If Mr. Rathbone merely comes up to hear the Debate, that is all very well.

9002/136 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: Oct? 1867 [date doesn't work]}

Liverpool Nursing Home}

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

My dear Sir Harry

**[6:418]**

As I see that Mr. Hardy's Bill did not come on last night, I enclose to you

1. a letter of Mr. Rathbone's (& enclosure)

This is a great victory -  
You might, if you thought well, state in your ~~hou~~ speech, that the Liverpool Vestry Committee of Enquiry have finally decided to recommend them to extend the Nursing to the female side & Fever

side of the Liverpool Workhouse -

This includes 1000 Patients  
altogether - Male - Female - Fever.

If Mr. Hardy should make  
any disagreeable remarks  
(as he did to Mr. Rathbone,)  
you might quite well  
retort by reading the  
note. We may *certainly*  
say that the Liverpool  
Workhouse Nursing is a  
success -

2. I enclose one of Mr.  
Villiers' curious letters -  
Nothing we have said

puts the case so strongly  
as he does against  
the Bill

3. a note of Mr. Parkinson's  
These last two letters  
are, of course, *private* -  
Please return them  
ever yours  
F.N.

9002/137 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 7 {arch: 1867}

Dearie

I have been so ill for the last half-week that I  
have not taken the initiative in any one single thing -  
- tho' I ought to have seen several people, & I had  
really several things to consult Sir Harry about.

I hope he will give me 10 minutes *to-morrow*.  
[One of them is about a scheme of Mr. Rathbone's -]

I am going to receive the Sacrament to-day at 3 -  
[I believe my big Plato is going abroad for a few weeks.  
which is the reason he offers it to-day.]

I need hardly say that, if you or Sir Harry or both

like to come, I shall be too glad - but, at  
such short notices, & having taken it so lately  
I can hardly expect it -  
Many thanks for your stupendous Scarlet Lily  
& Arum &c - The "Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary  
!!! have sent me some enormous ferns - And the whole  
effect is *proprio pomposo* - like a jungle in  
miniature - with the little cats for tigers & jaguars.  
ever yours  
R.S.V.P. F.

9002/138 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil [8:33-34]

April 13.67

My dear Sir Harry

About Miss Garrett: -  
there is, I am told, no General Hospital  
*without* a School of Students  
except the one I mentioned  
to you, the "Royal Free" in  
Gray's Inn Road -

I should have thought a  
Women & Children's Hospital  
would have been the  
proper place for a Female  
Medical School -

Would not this afford  
sufficient experience? -

[In my time the Soho Square

Female Hospital was a  
very good one - & had  
no Students (male) -  
Is that the case now? -]

It has been suggested to me  
that, if one of the Lying-in  
Hospitals could be reformed  
& placed under the  
supervision of Miss Garrett,  
with children added -  
Miss G. being the Resident  
Medical Officer - a real  
School for Female Physicians  
would thus best be  
established -  
You see, these ladies (very

properly) don't intend  
to take practice among  
men - in England, at  
least.

Such female Midwifery  
Physicians might well  
take rank with  
Licentiates.

[HCV notes, scribbled upside down on the page facing the first page,  
very hard to decipher

27 Mal 20 if Not man `spirit in us  
 if in our own minds if lead other astray  
 J't - ye have taken & by wicked hands  
 God of Abm has raised up J - 2 Acts & 3  
 Peters appeal applicable been true of  
 {illeg line}  
 made by P  
 {illeg} of Papa's {illeg experiment ?} of our {illeg seeing ?}  
 People generally favoured by heaven gladly paid  
 news of P - carnal Has a poor says by {illeg}  
 greatest woe for evil includes Jer  
 so in time of J.C.  
 taught to value {illeg introduced fabric?}  
 I compare his own work with evil unfaith  
 but shepherd  
 High P persuaded people to destroy J &  
 {illeg John ?}B

Meant state of world & of England  
 we have no security against evil  
 state of Fr. before Revolution  
 Langly any religion with false science  
 veil of national prosperity conceals  
 ignorance  
 Ld Fillmore {illeg } in {illeg infavornitle ?} people  
 Tone of Pessela depends on those who lead them  
 if you live in luxury & Lazarus at door  
 Knowledge sum of pleasure & {illeg}  
 of life & not to instruct  
 ignorant follow when asses lead  
 if not crowded in Xtian if veiled by good {illeg}  
 carelessness of {illeg} if man of Power  
 who {illeg} of XT buy no unholy ad  
 vantage not popular  
 J: died for us prayer for {illeg}

9002/139 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [8:34]

April 13/67

My dear Sir Harry

I send you a sensible letter of Mr. Whitfield's on the subject of Female Medical training -

You know that I have been beset with applications to admit Ladies (wishing to practise) at our Training School "for 6 or 9 months" to "pick up" what they could - the last application urged by the "Delhi Mission" with a pertinacity it was difficult to resist -

I have

always set my face against any admixture of the Nursing & Medical ~~elements in Training~~ elements in Training-Schools as equally disadvantageous to both - the Nurse ought not to fancy herself a Doctor - the Female Doctor ought not to fancy that she can "pick up" the knowledge which the Student is compelled by law to take 4 years in acquiring before he can practise - And I have been all the more, instead of the less,

confirmed in this -  
because I should like  
to see Midwifery practice  
altogether, or at least  
chiefly, in the hands of  
Female Physicians -

But those who fancy they  
can "pick up" ~~this~~ medical knowledge - are  
backwarding, not  
forwarding, the movement.

F.N.

9002/140 initialed letter, 9ff pencil [8:34-39]

*Private*

April 16/67

My dear Sir Harry

You see I differ upon every word  
of Miss Garrett's note -

But it is not a subject on which I  
am (or fancy myself) an authority.

And there fore I write this for you  
only.

I could not if I would, and I would  
not if I could, enter upon any controversy  
with her.

But then neither must *they* ask me  
for advice or co-operation (as they have  
often done)

1. *She* starts on the ground that the  
*summum bonum* for women is to be able  
to obtain *the same* Licence or diploma  
as men for Medical practice.  
Now I start from exactly the opposite  
ground.

Medical education is about as bad as

it possibly can be.

It makes men *prigs*

It prevents any wise, any philosophical,  
any practical view of health & disease.

Only a few genius-es rise above it.

If it makes a man a prig,  
it will make woman a prig=ger -

But - all that women have hitherto said  
is: -

I will take the same *kind* of education  
a man gets, but less in *degree*.

Where he studies years, I will study  
months.

Against that I set my face -  
But - what I want to see is - not, as  
Miss G. seems to wish - women  
obtaining exactly *the same* education  
as men, & exactly the same Diploma  
& practising indiscriminately between

the sexes as men do -

Very far otherwise -  
Not that I conceive it is much more  
indelicate for a woman to doctor  
men than for a woman to nurse  
men -

But the last is necessary -

The first is totally unnecessary -  
Indeed female (American) practitioners  
have told me with their own lips  
that they should "consider it an insult"  
"if called in to attend a man-Patient."

That is as it should be -  
What I want to see is women attending  
as Physicians their own sex -  
especially in lyings-in & in diseases  
peculiar to women - or children -  
The good of a Licence or Diploma is this: -  
that you *can't* get it, except after

years of a certain course -  
& that this ensures you against the  
superficiality, (said to be) common to  
all women -

But, if this good result could be  
brought about by women's own good  
sense, where would be the necessity  
of the "Licence"? -

Do you suppose Miss Garrett gets one  
more Patient by being a "Licentiate"? -

Do you suppose that a thoroughly  
educated experienced female Doctor  
would lose one patient by *not* being  
a "Licentiate"? -

*I don't.*

I think English women have too  
much sense -

It is quite true that a *special*  
education ( i.e. for female cases only) is  
always disadvantageous -

It is quite true that every Oculist,

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Dentist, Accoucheur, practises much better for having had a *general* Medical education

But Miss Garrett does *not* say this -

She does not say: - how can we give women the best general Medical education?

She says: - how can we satisfy the "Examining Boards"? -

Now - every old fogey, like me, knows that, if a man is a genius, he can't pass - (these "Examining Boards"-)

that what makes a man pass is memory, chique - words - that "Examining Boards" are just so many charlatans-

[Poor Alexander, the Director=Genl, told me of a man who passed the "Examining Board" triumphantly - & who did not know, one from the other, the heart from the liver, when these valuable Articles were placed before him in the flesh - Every Examiner is full of similar stories -

[close]?]

It was for this that, in 1861, we took

so much pains to organize, & Sidney Herbert to start, a Practical Army Medical School (now at Netley) where men who *have passed all the regular* Medical course are instructed by the bed-side - For, even the *four years* necessary in Civil Hospitals are no sufficient test - Only the dressers & Clinical Clerks get much thereby - while the hundreds who follow in the train of such a man as Fergusson (the "great Carpenter", as Sidney Herbert used to call him) get next to nothing by their "four years".]

2. Who is to organize it then, if Miss Garrett does not? -

It appears as if she wished to be another Fergusson - i.e. totally useless except to Patients.

3. Whether we can do this or not will depend upon our calls & our supply. At present we are engaged years Liess to Leeds, Sydney, India &c &c &c &c

I see no prospect of our doing it for years to come - what Miss G. wishes - I have myself had the regret of refusing *two General Hospitals* within the last month - besides many smaller applications -

We should certainly not think it right to sacrifice some great centre like Sydney, &c &c &c &c, which wishes to form a Training=School, for a scheme so unlicked as the present one under discussion.

For we had rather, of course, have a Training=School in a large General Hospital - whenever we have Nurses to spare.

And as to *Midwifery Nurses*: - at our humble little Institution as King's College, the education is far better than any

thing that could be given us.

[E.g. at Q. Charlotte's & other Lying=  
in Hospitals, a certificate as  
*Accoucheuse* is actually given  
after a month's or less than a  
*month's* attendance -

The lady who is going out to practise  
at Delhi actually got hers in  
this way]

4. Certainly it does =

~~We~~

It "increases the expences" *just by*  
by *the expences of those Nurses* in Training.

If a Nurse is learning, she can't be *in*  
*the place of* another Nurse.

Mr Rathbone proposes to give us £400  
a year to train just 10 Probationers  
at Liverpool Workhouse -

We spend £1000 a year at St. Thomas',  
£500 a year at King's College -

Ask the Maternité at Paris what *it* spends.

Not one Midwife is saved by having  
Pupil Midwives -

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The utmost that is saved is the  
expenditure of "Extra" Nurses  
in any of these Institutions -  
fevers & operations requiring "Extra"  
Nurses, you put on your Probationers)  
(not however raw Probationers)  
for whom it is excellent practice -  
or when a regular Nurse is sick  
or on leave.

ever yours

F.N.

*Confidential*

In 1860, † it took me *months* of very  
hard work, *assisted as I was* by all  
the first Civil & Army Medical authorities,  
to make the Programme & scheme of the  
Army Medical School - [Of course I took  
nothing from my own authority - All I did  
was to collect & sift the best opinions -]

Now I am quite sure that it would take any one months of very hard work to make the Programme of a Female Medical School -

I neither can nor mean to do it -

Miss Garrett, I am sure, neither sees the necessity of this close application, nor means to give it -

[The paper ~~f~~ on Nurses which she read at the Social Science was crammed full of errors in fact, which half a day's enquiry would have enabled her to avoid - & which cost me a whole week's work to answer *after* the fact.]  
to different enquirers,  
including Dr. Farr.]

The great error of these Medical ladies appears to me to be: -

that they not only put the cart before the horse, but that they expect the cart to drag the horse.

How is a woman to get a man's Diploma?

*-that is all they ask -*

It is just the same as if I, instead of  
qualifying myself to assist Sidney  
Herbert in the War Office, had bent  
all my energies to: -

how is a woman to become a Secretary  
of State? -

How do people in Paris do these things?

for 50 years there has been a  
succession of Lady Professors at the  
Maternité, who rank (I was going  
to say, just as high) but who in  
fact rank) much higher than  
Simpson or Locock here.

Their works are quoted as authorities  
all over Europe -

They command any practise they please when they leave the Maternité  
Their names have even been forged -  
& establishments set up in their names  
by quacks -

There is no struggle with the men=Doctors -

How have they done all this? -

Not certainly by trying for men's  
Diplomas -

Not by a paper-war.

not by struggling to get into men's  
colleges -

Simply by working a female School  
on female Patients to perfection

& letting all controversy alone -

But then, the School is absolutely complete.

An "élève sage-femme" cannot be  
certificated *under 2 years*, instead of  
*in one month*, as in England.

The female Professoriat, the "sage-femme" en  
chef," & "sages-femmes aides" reside in  
the Hospital.

The "élèves sages-femmes de 2ième année"  
are made to help in training the

"élèves sages-femmes de 1ère année" -

No Medical School of men ~~I have~~ ever  
known is anything to be compared to  
its perfection in point of instruction,

*both*

practical & scientific-

And all this they have done ---how? -  
Not by *aping* a man's Medical School -

Just the reverse -

By simply doing the very best to form  
good Midwives - & not thinking  
about men at all.

To ensure the standard of free public opinion  
[There *is* a man-Professor besides - generally  
the best Accoucheur in France - but  
who does not reside, of course.]

[I believe the female head of this School  
has usually attended the Queens & Royal Duchesses  
of France in this century - And it was  
said that the Empress Eugénie desired  
it very much, & would have gone on  
quite well, if the Emperor had not  
insisted on her having a man-Doctor]

If I were forming a Female Medical School  
in England, I should just cut the  
Gordian knot at once, & avoid all

collision with men, by beginning as closely as possible on the Parisian model, - & then afterwards, if you extend it to all diseases of women & children, so much the better - or even to a more general education still.

But it is absurd to tell me that "Madame la Sage-femme en chef" at Paris requires a Diploma to obtain her a practice among Queens & Empresses - or that it is not trying to make your cart draw your horse - It is not your "Bishop's Commission" that makes the "apple-woman" a Deaconess - nor your "Licence" which makes the lady a Doctor - As long as Medical ladies go on in England in this way, I have no hope One sensible woman, like Miss Garrett, may now & then win her way to practice But even she is as senseless as the others about Female Medical Schools.

Let women begin by that branch of the Profession (Midwifery) which is undoubtedly theirs -  
let them do it as well as possible -  
let them conquer their place in it -  
instead of, as now, as it seems to me, lady Doctors affecting to despise it.

All the rest will follow -

But *none* of the rest will follow, if their only aim is to be to extort from men a man's place -

N.B. Let me explain what I said about a Nurse Training- School being merely an extra expence -

The pupil Midwives of the 2nd year (at Paris) instruct the pupil Midwives of the 1st year -

I have never made any calculation of the kind-

Still I think I must be much beyond the mark in saying that, if the Maternité

were *not* a Training-School, one sage-femme en chef & half the number of pupils de 2de année as sages femmes would be more than sufficient as a Working-Staff - so that you at once sweep off as "increase to working expences" all the pupils de 1ère année, half those de 2de année, & all the Head Staff but one -

As to St. Thomas' :

tho' I have often found fault with them for turning a penny out of us, it has *not* been for employing our Probationers as "extra" Nurses - for severe cases - (which is excellent practice) - *not* for employing them to take the place (temporarily) of sick or absent Nurses -  
- not even for working a whole ward with our Probationers, as has *not never* been done -  
but for helping themselves, as they have

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frequently done, to our *uncertificated* Nurses (Probationers who had been with us only a few months) to fill *permanently* ~~the~~ vacant situations as Nurses & Sisters - at St. Thomas' -  
In such a case, either St. Thomas' or the woman ought certainly to refund to the N. Fund

But we have been obliged to submit -  
Because it has been the choice of having our own woman or a stranger as Head Nurse over our Probationers.

I need scarcely say that, as a rule, you must pay Probationers wages -

F.N.

9002/141 copy of a letter, 5ff, handwritten

[13:718-19]

April. 27/67

35 South Street.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your note of the 24th, desiring that I would "allow" my "name to be added to the General Committee of the Deaconesses' ~~Inst~~ Association."

I regret to say that as I made a resolution not to give my name where I cannot give my work -and as I have already a larger circle of duties than a person even in full health can conscientiously perform, I am

compelled to make it a rule to decline even giving my poor name.

Suffer me to add, however, as you have added the intimation that all that "is asked" of me "is to make the movement "favorably known" - a few words, prompted by an experience of 20 years - The first principles taught me by this experience are: -

that Nursing in Hospitals, & nursing the sick poor at home, is an Art - only to be acquired, like any other art, by the most Systematic training -

that this training can only be given in a Hospital, in which the Superior of the Deaconesses has her Head Quarters, & is herself the Matron of the hospital - at least till she has trained a Deaconess to take her place.

that this necessity of systematic training applies still more to those who are to nurse the sick poor at home, if possible, than to Hospital "Sisters" - because the Hospital Nurse can

always summon a Resident Medical Officer & half a dozen dressers, whereas the Nurse of the sick poor at home may be for hours before she can obtain a Medical man to tell her what to do -

that the Parish Deaconess requires besides a most careful *Sanitary* education -  
- She must know all the Acts of Parlt in force, besides, by which parish authorities may be compelled to remove nuisances: if she is to assist the sick poor at home effectually - - she must be competent to teach a little cooking, a

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great deal of cleanliness (including the procuring means of white-washing & 1000 other things.)

In short, to visit the poor usefully & effectually is an art most difficult & to be attained only by a most careful training. Need I say that one of the collateral benefits of this is: - that no idle lady will undergo such a training merely to "try how she "likes it"?

If to the calling of a Deaconess be added the Visiting in Prisons, the teaching of children - just as steady a training is required

for both those difficult Arts - not in a Hospital, of course, but in a Penitentiary or in a School, which must, of course, be under the Deaconesses.

Is it the "Bishop's Commission" which makes the Deaconess? Or is it the training which makes the Deaconess fit to receive the "Bishop's Commission"?

Sir I have ventured to offer you these few remarks, which I might have made much longer but that you probably are in no need of my remarks, in

order to explain why, as you ~~honor~~ have done me the honour of asking for my poor name - such as it is, I could not give it except conditions were fulfilled which experience has taught me to be essential to your good work. With that work, I sympathize with the whole power of my life. Till we nurse not only the sick poor in Workhouses but those at home we have done nothing effectual in Nursing.

The Nursing of the sick poor *at home*

is of even more importance to their welfare - & to the true interests of civilization in Christ than the nursing in Hospitals.

To have London divided into convenient districts for the nursing & relief of the sick poor at home, (including Midwifery Nursing) - as is already done at Liverpool - should be our aim.

Already at Bristol & elsewhere, a "Sanitary woman" has been employed among the poor with good effect - I have something like an European

[3]

experience - and I fear I am right in saying that no city in the world neglects the sick poor *at home* as London does.

In no city in the world, either, does sickness degrade the family into pauperism for generations so much as in London. Yet, in no city in the world - does a little timely good Nursing, good food, (and a change of air for the Convalescent) so save father or mother from incurable infirmity - children from consequent pauperism -

If then, Sir, I could see my way

to assisting such a work even in the  
 least little degree - by my humble  
 help, you can hardly doubt that I should  
 esteem myself favoured by God  
 in doing so.

Pray believe me  
 ever your faithful servt.

[end 13:719]

{in another hand}  
 Miss Nightingale to  
 Mr. Pelham Dale -  
 replying to his request that  
 she would allow her name  
 to appear in the List of the  
 The Revd Committee of  
 the Deaconesses  
 T. Pelham Dale Training  
 &c &c Institute

9002/142 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? May 1867}

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

If Sir Harry could come in  
 to me for 2 minutes,  
 I could explain -

F.N.

I should like to have heard  
 Pastor Fliedner criticizing  
 this manifest, *supposed*  
 to be in his name -

[7:597]

It would have been as good  
 as a pantomime  
 That he would have forbidden  
 me to have any hand in it  
 is beyond all doubt.

[end 7:597]

9002/143 incomplete initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [8:56-57]

I send what I have jotted down, because you asked me & because it is possible you may be waiting for it -

But you must not, please, use this - jotted down in haste as it is without the possibility of consulting my own correspondence & documents -

I will almost ask to have it returned to me -

ever your  
F.

I should put off the question for at least a century: shall women have Medical Education the same as men? -

Let them be instructed Midwives, (i.e. Physician=Accoucheuses) first.

P.S.{arch: ?1853} [can't be] [3]

The "tall talk" ladies who mean little & prove nothing  
to drag in the  
question of Medical Females everywhere -  
Mrs. Butler could not ask me to sign  
her Petition for the repeal of the "C.D -  
Acts" without inserting a passage  
about the usefulness of Medical Women  
"The interlude was delightful. It had  
nothing to do with the Bill - But what  
of that?" -

However, I refused to sign till the  
"interlude" was taken out.

I can write no more.  
I have put down what I could - But I  
am "trembling like a cloud driven by the  
wind" - as the Veda says -

I could not enter into the controversy  
without attacking Medical Education  
for *men* - And this is impossible to me -  
I have neither time nor strength for it -  
& would not use them for this, if I had

try

See what a hideous mess Dr. Acland has made of this by writing to the "Times" about it in an entirely confused state of mind without having really apprehended his question at all.

9002/144 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 16 {arch ~~66~~ 67}

My dear Sir Harry

I have read your letter to Ld Stanley with the greatest interest - & see nothing to add

[I will tell you some day ~~of~~ what part I have taken in the *Supply* Department question Sir H. Storcks is to be Director Genl, I understand]

I hope & believe you will succeed in getting a R. Commission.

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With regard to Miss Garrett's letter, there [8:34] is time enough to talk about it -

If she is "too much occupied" with her "own private

"practice" to organize the School herself, she had much better let it alone -  
And I am far too much overwhelmed with business not to be obliged to decline giving any attention to the business, if such is the case -

She will *not* get a *Genl* Hospl. to admit them (Female Students)  
And I should not think well to organize a Nurses' School in any other -

in haste

F.N.

9002/145 initialled letter, 1f, pencil bundle 147

Easter Sunday {arch: ?67} [Apr. 21/67]

Dearest

I am quite a prisoner up-stairs -  
After Westmr-Abbey (where I am very glad  
you are going) will quite do for me -  
both for music & for visit - if Capt. V. is so good  
as to play.

I am quite sure that I can quite  
well hear the music up here with  
doors open &c -

I am unable to come down -  
But will it be good for you to come up  
this high?

As to Capt. V.'s music, whether he likes  
to come before or after W. Abbey, it  
is equally "nuts" to me -  
"4 1/2" is not too late - for me -

F.

9002/146 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a letter from your irrepressible "ass",  
Mr. Dale, & my reply -

If you approve of my reply, & would father it,  
I think it would be an advantage.

I am often ~~told~~ asked, "why do you stand by the  
High Church Sisterhoods & not by the Deaconesses?"

My answer is: - the Deaconesses put forth  
episcopal pretension which the High Church  
never do!! -

At this moment, Miss Jones nurses *two*  
important Hospitals in London besides other works, & has not YET  
obtained her "Bishop's Commission"  
{very faint, maybe erased?}(I doubt {illeg} the Bishop of London is  
{illeg})

while {written vertically} Ap 29/67  
{printed address:} 35 South Street.

Park Lane,  
London. W.

while  
these Deaconesses, without any training  
whatever, tell us that a  
:Bishop's Commission" makes an  
"apple-woman" a Deaconess!!!!

F.N.

9002/147 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 1. {arch: 67-}

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid it is impossible for me  
to have the pleasure of seeing you this morning -  
But I will just sketch a letter to Mr. Hardy  
on Lucina being trained -  
& either send it you or give it you this  
afternoon -

F.

9002/148 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil, JS draft in 45787 ff145-46

May 1 {arch:.67.}

[8:177-78]

My dear Sir Harry

I send you the bare facts of the case for Mr. Hardy. to be put in your own way, of course -

I have not the least faith in that gentleman.

F.N.

*Mr. Hardy*

It has recently come to my knowledge that a Board of Guardians has sent a woman, whom they were desirous of appointing "as "Accoucheur" (sic) to a Workhouse, - for *one month's* training in her office - after the "Nightingale Fund" had declined to receive her for a less period than *six months*, which we know from experience to be the minimum, essential for training.

Looking at the amount of suffering & probable loss of life which might be entailed, if this precedent were adopted elsewhere, I would beg to suggest whether the Poor Law Board might not prevent much mischief by requiring that *no Midwife be employed by any Board of Guardians, unless her qualifications & certificates have been previously approved by the Board Poor Law Board.*

I should feel disposed to apply this

rule to all cases; and its practical operation would be that a better instructed class of woman would gradually be available for the purpose -

9002/149 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Here is Mr. Pelham Dale's very civil answer -  
What shall I do about seeing him? -

The man thinks himself a Fliedner, and is a -  
goose -

But what shall I do? -

I am the superior Deity of all "Drolesses" &  
Droles too -

I was very grateful to you for letting me know the  
Division last night -

What are Ministers going to do? -

I heard last week that Hardy, Walpole & Ld J.

Manners would go -

I also heard that Ministers had received a  
very disagreeable communications as to  
the state of feeling among the "Roughs" in  
London - that they had said: - if they could  
kill 10 Policemen on Monday, they should  
have the Constitution their own way -

Mr. Villiers says: Ministers are not going out  
May 3 - 1867 -

F.N.

9002/150 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 7/67

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

Dearest mum

I see the reign of  
Azaleas is beginning.

Now I shall be quite  
furious if Hill does  
not send me *twice*  
a week (while they  
last,) a *sheet* of Azaleas,  
yellow, white & red,  
scarlet & pink - &  
not mulct me as  
he did last year -

But I don't complain  
of your Scarlet Rhododendrons  
-they have been splendid  
this year - but hardly  
any Lilies of the Valley have  
I had ever dearest mum  
your loving child F.

9002/151 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil; Friday was May 10, army estimates. John Pakington spoke re appeal made him by marquess of Hartington not to move supply vote, of which he had given notice that evening, but postpone until had laid bills in preparation on the table; although of greatest importance that ests shd receive sanction of the House, he had yielded to reps of lord, and postponed, wd give notice that on Monday next wd bring in a bill limiting enlistment in army, and for consolidating and amending acts relating to EI Co and pensions and a reserve bill to form a reserve of the men in the militia to join army in time of war;

May 8 {arch} [1867]

My dear Sir Harry

I think yours is a capital move about  
the motion on Friday -

[15:622]

I do not imagine that any very precise  
information is to be had as to the "amount  
of the military forces" of Europe.

E.g. Prussia is a standing camp. the  
answer would be: -every man fit to bear  
arms is a soldier there.

But I imagine that, if Ld Longford  
does not answer you explicitly, Ld Stanley  
at the For: Off: has the best information.

[end]

9002/152 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ? 67} May 11

Dearie

If you are wanting to stay in London *merely till Thursday* - would it not do for you to come here?

There is the Dining room, the back Drawing-room (which has a bed in it) & the bed-room over mine - and there is the *vacarme* of Dr. Sutherland in the large Drawingroom as an agreeable neighbour to the inhabitant of this back, "Honi soit qui mal y pense".

I shall be ready for the carriage at "3.30" - if that is the hour proposed. And I don't know, after all,

that it would hurt me, IF I DON'T TALK, to go with you - And it would be a great pleasure.

Except that every change we have had among **[6:427-28]** Ministers has been from bad to worse, I should be rather glad to get rid of Hardy at the P.L. {written upside down in another hand:} Miss Nightingale Board. We might then have some chance of getting *back Mr. Farnall - to London -*  
F.N.

9002/153 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {written sideways}

{printed address:} 35 South Street, **[3:473] [8:180]**  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you lay your hand, without any trouble upon that letter of mine to you *for the Bishop of London?* - & return it to me? -

After all, I think I shall have to write to him (through you) -

[If I can't get my Act of Parlt= through (this Session) to prevent all clerical gentlemen from interfering at all in administration, *I must.*] **[3:473]**

I suppose you have not seen Mr. Bowman yet - It may be that the obnoxious Clause (about the triple Pope?) is not passed. It is, of

ever yours course, *the Committees'*  
May 15- 67 - F.N. P.T.O.

Report, (not any private "views" of Mr. Bowman's)  
that I want to see, if I am to do any good  
by suggesting.

It is as useless for me to suggest my own  
views as to ~~know~~ ask for Mr. Bowman's -  
Mr. Bowman's letter to you seems to me such a mistake  
altogether. If one of the Sisterhood had  
asked me for a "scheme", it would have been very  
absurd of me to have given it.

So it seems to me very absurd of Mr. Bowman, as  
one of the Council, to ask me for a scheme -

I have nothing to do except with the *Head* of the Sisterhood  
on the one hand, & the *Committee's* Report on the other.

9002/154 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 20. {arch: 1867}  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I assure you your  
"secular" playing is a very  
great pleasure to me.  
and I could hear it very  
well - & even your song -  
And I am very grateful  
for such a pleasure.

I am afraid I must  
wait till I am a little  
better before I can be in  
the same room with the  
"august".

Many thanks for your  
bound copy of the  
Merchant Seamen.

Yours gratefully  
F. Nightingale

I hope you will come &  
luncheon here with Sir  
Harry as often as is  
convenient. You see: -  
that is one word for you  
& two for myself -

9002/155 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 26/67

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

Dearest mum

I cannot tell you how  
charmed I was with my  
birth-day present - nor  
how gorgeous it looked -  
the Laburnums & Azaleas  
crowning a beautiful vase  
Mrs. Sutherland had given  
me -

Those flame-coloured  
Azaleas are so beautiful -  
when the sun shines upon  
them, they are the colour  
of Guido's Glories round  
the heads of his Saints.

But there is no evidence  
that there *is* a Sun. On  
Wednesday we had a fall

of snow which lasted  
half an hour. And  
every plant on my  
balcony that could be  
cut off has been cut off  
by the nightly frost.  
the North East wind is  
dreadful.

I was so thankful too for  
your birth-day letter.  
I meant to have written,  
but I was so ill on my  
birth-day & have been  
ever since - & so busy.  
I was very, very sorry to  
hear of the excellent  
Capt. Field's death. And

I will write to poor Mrs. Field.  
But I have no strength  
even for my poor widows.  
I have not written even  
to Mrs. Dawes yet - tho'  
I daily feel, what a loss  
he is ! - (Dean Dawes.)  
You have not fulfilled your  
promise of sending me  
Azaleas a sheet of Azaleas - *twice a week*  
while they last  
Before my last Thursday's  
flowers came, I had not  
a flower left.  
Now that Parthe's laburnum  
is gone over to More  
O'Ferrall, I have no  
right to look at it.

Besides, it is nothing but  
a brown mass.

So are my Azaleas at the  
end of 3 days -

I was greatly delighted with  
my beautiful new coat  
on my birth-day - & with  
my three new neckerchiefs,  
which I wanted very  
much -

I think I had better have  
a second new coat,  
made at Pepper's -

Please tell Mrs. Webb.

"The horse-leech had no  
daughters" &c &c &c

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

9002/156 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 29/67

Dear Papa

You have had two  
cheques from me for the  
washing - viz -

1866 March 24	£20
" <u>November 30</u>	40

£60

From February 26 1866

(when you undertook our washing)  
to November 26 1866

(9 months)

our washing amounted to

£41. 2. 10 ½

You had therefore in hand

Nov 30        £18.17. 1 ½

Our account therefore stands: -  
1866

Ch.	Mar 24	£20	0.	0	
		<u>Nov 30</u>	40	0.	0
			£60	0.	0

Washing

from	Feb 26}				
to	<u>Nov 26}</u>	£41.	2.	10	½
In hand}		£18.	17.	1	½
	Nov 26}				

This is just 6 months ago.

If the washing books  
are sent up to me,  
I should like to  
settle them - & advance  
farther monies please.  
They ought to be sent up  
to me regularly at the  
quarters, Christmas,  
Lady Day, Michaelmas,  
Midsummer,

in order that we should  
never have a long  
account unsettled.  
[two lines scribbled over struck out]  
F.N.

9002/157 initialed letter, 1f, pen [6:628]

May 31/67  
35 South Street {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear

The place for poor Miss  
Easthed is: -  
The London Surgical Home  
for Diseases of Women  
16 Stanley Terrace  
Notting Hill  
W.

It is founded on the same  
principle as Harley St. -  
part subscription, *part*  
PAY. But it is exclusively  
for *Surgical* cases peculiar  
to women. Baker Brown,  
who is the Senior Surgeon,  
has achieved an immense  
reputation by his Ovariotomy

operations in this Institution  
-the most dangerous  
operation going - & on  
which he has had the  
smallest mortality ever  
known - which I attribute  
to the better air, fewer  
numbers & less overcrowding  
than exists in Hospitals.  
If unfortunately there should  
be no room, - then, for mere  
delicacy of feeling, I would  
prefer King's College Hospital  
to any private Institution.  
But it is badly situated -  
and collections of bad cases  
in a bad atmosphere are  
always dangerous -even  
under such first-rate Nursing.  
3-Lastly I would ever yours  
go to St. Thomas'. F.N.  
For ovariectomy,  
they fit up a private room for the  
poorest beggar-woman **[end 6:628]**

9002/158 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid I must keep to my old  
written rule never to see any one after  
5 o'clock, not even you - Otherwise I  
shall not last out another week -

If I had a maid who was worth  
two-pence, she would not have given  
you the trouble of coming back -

I saw Mr. Villiers for two hours  
yesterday -

If you are going to see Mr. Hardy,  
{printed address: vertical} 35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

I should like, if he could let you know  
what he is going to do - but not  
that he should know that I have  
told you he has written to me -  
Aunt Mai (Mrs. S. Smith) is gone to Embley  
to find out  
what Mama is going to do  
about moving -  
How long do you stay in town?

9002/159 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

at all this year - a heavy  
burden upon me - (arch: ? May 1867}  
I don't quite understand your  
exclamation "glorious  
uncertainty of taste" with  
regard to leading articles.  
Whether leading articles  
speak the truth or not,  
whether they are anything  
but an exponent of the  
Mrs. Grundy, the clever  
Mrs. Grundy of the day, -  
(What am I saying? -  
of the *hour*;) is not  
a matter of "taste", is it?  
[It is by no means unusual  
for two leading articles of  
two successive days to  
contradict each other}  
Still, for people who have  
time & thought to spare,

I can easily understand  
 the reading of leading  
 articles to be *suggestive*  
 NOT "instructive" - [I have  
 neither] But the worst  
 Hygienic exercise for  
 the minds of either youth  
 or age I conceive to be: -  
 the constant reading of  
 leading articles by way  
 of determining opinion.  
 They are simply the opinion  
 of the floating talky-talky  
 of the hour of an ignorant  
 majority.

Many thanks for the game.  
 But the horse-leech  
 hath four daughters, who  
 are continually saying,  
 Give, give!

in great haste  
 ever dear Pa  
 your loving child  
 F.

M. Mohl went last night.

I could not see him (on  
 account of my businesses)  
 so often as I could have  
 wished. Still I enjoyed him much.

Mrs. Herbert was here  
 last Saturday. Her  
 visits always tear me  
 to pieces. But she  
 appeared calmer than  
 usual. She takes the  
 eldest boy to Algeria  
 next week. "O insupportable  
 & touching loss!" I say daily  
 of her husband, still -

[8:696]

F.N.

9002/160 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil, bundle 371

Saturday {arch: May '70}  
35 South Street [printed address:]  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear

I send "by desire" the  
Orvieto Turner by Monday's box.  
Please return its portfolio -  
Please not to judge of it  
without the mount - I should  
not have known it myself  
again without its mount -  
And I don't think Colnaghi  
would have sent me a bad  
impression -

Please let me have a  
second Edition of *Azaleas*  
& *Strawberries* on Monday -

Revd. Mother mends, but so  
slowly - However, I am in hopes  
it is the E. wind - I have  
never known such a May,

(we have had two orange fogs)  
tho' I must have lived near  
20 Mays in London -  
And I am in hopes that  
June & Manning may  
revive her - as we have  
deposed S. Gonzaga to  
conciliate him -

I wish you could make  
Sir H. understand how  
more than sorry I am  
not to make this house  
his & yours. I said nothing  
to *him*, because it would  
look like a mere get-off -  
But I get more & more  
incapable of keeping even

myself alive - And I have  
 the most feeble, incapable  
 creature (Delany) thrown  
 upon me to manage for  
 instead of managing. It  
 is not so much deficiency  
 in service which she  
*might* learn, as deficiency  
 in everything - in common  
 decency, tidiness, cleanliness.

[She is always doing her  
 hair in my presence.]

You can say to a woman:  
 don't put my cap on a  
 chair & the *po* atop of it  
 - which is what she did -  
 But you can't teach a  
 woman of 52 - A floor's  
 a floor - & not a table -  
 a window's a window &

a book-case a book-case.

More fool I for taking her.  
 I thought of asking Helen  
 Richardson to speak to her.  
 But I really don't know  
 what she could say - It is  
 utter incapacity - *And* her  
 personal filthiness!!!!

[N.B.

She has ruined my bed by  
 bringing the cat to be  
 confined upon it *on purpose*].

And she thinks herself a model of a  
 "gentlewoman conducting my household."

Yes: I liked 'Forest Life' very  
 much

I do trust Mama is not  
 much the worse -  
 ever your  
 F.

9002/161 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: June 1867?]

snowy London

2.

Certainly - I "wish to have"  
you "at my house",  
as you call it, (*I* call  
it, at *your* house)  
on the "three last  
days of June."

3.

With regard to myself,  
it is impossible for  
me to say any thing.  
It was said that  
Parlt would sit  
till after the second  
week of August.  
It is now said that  
the Reform Bill is  
getting on so well

that it will be up early -  
which means, I suppose,  
the 31st of July.

I should think Mama  
would find August  
very disagreeable even  
at 32 S. St.

I think London disagreeable  
now. It is close, it  
is windy - it is cold,  
it is dusty, it is snowy,  
it is one black cloud.

But, having no kind of  
plan for myself, I do  
not profess to advise.

I have not a rag of a  
flower left - all those  
sent last Thursday

being long since dead  
& buried.

ever dear Pa  
Your loving child  
F.

9002/162 initialed letter, 1f, pen

June 10/67  
35 South Street {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dear Papa

Mama has written to me  
for money for the washing -  
I now send you an order  
for £40 -  
[You have now had £100 in all.]  
I am afraid you took no  
notice of my request  
to send up the Washing  
Books, which I have  
not now seen since  
last December - and  
which I ought to see  
before I pay.

Please be careful to let

me see them now - & at  
least once every quarter=  
day - when I will  
always send an Average  
Quarter in advance -  
And please save me the  
trouble (great to me)  
of writing twice for any  
thing.

ever dear Pa  
Your loving child  
F.

{in another hand;} Recd from WEN £40 00  
sent by F.N. for her  
washing June 13/67

Embley

9002/163 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

June 12/67  
35 South Street {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dear Pa

I sent you a cheque to  
your Order for £40 on  
Monday - I feel rather  
uneasy at having so large  
a sum unacknowledged -

The 5th Vol of Montalembert's  
Moines de l'Occident I think  
you would find very  
interesting - He gives the  
monks who converted England  
to Christianity all the credit  
of initiating Agriculture,

[3:380]

learning, municipal Institutions,  
& of leaving the robust  
Anglo-Saxon character intact.

ever dear Pa  
your loving child  
F.

*To whomsoever it may concern*  
 Flowers in F.N.'s room  
 one half dead Agapanthus  
     smelling like an onion -  
 one half dead stock  
     smelling like a stock -  
 two dirty white Rhododendrons  
     with all the flowers off  
     or hanging by their long stalks  
 3 or 4 Kalmias  
 not the ghost of an Azalea  
 a mass of half dead common  
     ferns -

9002/164 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 21 June 1867} [8:789]

Dearest mum

I send you poor Mrs. Dawes' letter which I think a very touching one indeed. You know that he made it a principle to spend all his revenue on the Schools & places - he did not even insure his life - And she is left with only £100 a year, supported by that rich Miss Guthrie, her mother's step-daughter, to whom Dean Dawes gave a home for many years. It is evident that all poor Mrs Dawes' thought is to avert any shade at all from his memory. & to shew that it was done with her freeest will.

Please return me her note. Perhaps his friends at Embley, Kneller & Co., may like to hear of her.

I said in my letter to her how much I felt that my ten years' illness & business had entirely cut me off from the last ten years of his life. And it is to this she alludes in the last part. I did not even write to him when he was ill.

I believe it is quite true what she says that no one knew half the good he did & was doing.

                    ever dearest mum  
 June 21/67 your loving child  
 F.

9002/165 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

June 26/67

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

Dearest mum

I should very much like  
to have Capt. Field's photograph.

I am very sorry not to  
have Papa till Saturday -  
& still more sorry for the  
cause -

ever dearest mum

Your loving child  
f.

9002/166 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

June 26/67

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

Dearest mum

I shall return the  
Washing book by next box,  
for which many thanks,  
as for all favours,  
Washing favours & all.

You have now had Cheques  
to the amount of £100  
from me -- so that you are  
in hand: - £26. 8. 6 ½

I hope that, from henceforth,  
the Book will be sent me  
at least once a quarter,  
as it is quite too much  
for me to have to do

a nine months or a six  
months account - I who  
never let my bills run  
beyond the week or month.

The weather here is  
beyond anything bad -  
North East wind - dense  
cloud.

I subjoin the account/  
ever dearest mum

Your loving child  
F.

A thousand thanks for  
the dressing gown & neckerchiefs

		<i>Washing</i>		
February 26	}			
to	1866}	£41.	2	10 ½
November 24	}			
November 24	1866 }			
to		£32.	8.	7
June 10, 1867	_____			
		£73.	11.	5 ½
{Three cheques	£100			
{March 24}				
{Nov 30 }	1866}	73.	11.	5 ½
{June 10 1867 }	_____			
In hand		£26.	8.	6 ½
June 10/67				

F.N.

9002/167 initialed letter, 1f, pen [6:433]

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

*Dr. Anstie*

My dear Sir Harry

This is the best of all the  
Workhouse reformers -

I don't think Ld Carnarvon  
has behaved well to us -.

Neither do I think he has  
carried out his promise to  
you

At the same time I shall  
be quite prepared to defer to  
your & Ld Carnarvon's opinion  
If it is: -

that we are now in the  
dregs of politics -

that for the next 2  
months, people will think

only of getting thro' the  
Session

& for the subsequent 4  
Months

of getting thro' the Election  
that therefore it is vain to do  
anything now -

F.N.

9002/168 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday

My dear Sir Harry

A friend of mine (Mr. Rathbone, who wishes to keep his name private) sent me the enclosed, (to criticize.)

It is the first 4 sheets of what, I believe, is to form a series of Articles in Macmillan's.

It appears to me so remarkably good that I send it to you, if you like to look it over -

I believe I must have it back, tomorrow, please - F.N.

9002/169 initialled letter, 4ff, pen [1:185-86]

July 9/67

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

Dearest mum

I hope you know that I mean to come to you, wherever you are, please God, for the two months immediately following the breaking up of Parliament. This is the only time I could answer for. [ What day Parlt will break up no one knows - but I think they think it won't be much later than usual.] I don't think I shall have more than 2 months, if so much, this year.

We are so worn by this  
    Indian business - or rather  
    Sir. J. Lawrence & Sir B.  
    Frere and I are so worn,  
    because *nobody* else *is*.  
And, unless we get something  
    done during Sir J. Lawrence's  
    reign, which has only 18  
    months more to run,  
    nothing will be done.  
So that I should not leave  
    London at all for more  
    than 6 or 8 weeks, for  
    fear of losing my opportunity.  
The Queen of Prussia was here  
    on Saturday, as I dare say you

know. I liked her - much  
better than I expected.  
I don't think the mixture  
of pietism & absolutism  
of the Court of Prussia much  
better than that of the  
Court of Rome.  
But nothing could be better  
than what I saw of her.  
She came quite alone,  
(leaving good-natured Lady  
Ely down-stairs). She did  
her business & went away  
again - leaving me much  
less tired than I am with  
the most ordinary visit.  
[I received her in bed.]  
She brought me too a very  
kind message from our  
Queen, of whose great  
difficulties she spoke in  
a few feeling expressive  
    Words.

My acquaintance with Queens  
& Princesses is not large, - but  
at least it is as large as with  
the wives of Cabinet Ministers -

And I have never seen a  
Royal lady who was not as  
superior - for her interest  
in great objects - & for her  
power of going *correctly* to  
the root & reason of a thing  
- to any other lady - as a  
person who can read is to  
a person who can't read.

As for ~~the~~ our Queens' two eldest  
daughters, they are superior  
to any girls I know of any  
class or country. The Princess  
Royal has genius, & Princess  
Alice has not. But both  
are interested & really versed  
in things of administration

& ~~speculative~~ moral philosophy, in  
which the wilful ignorance  
of most young women  
makes one's hair stand on  
end. And the Gd Duchess  
of Baden, who is the Q. of  
Prussia's daughter, writes me  
letters (she is, I believe, not  
yet 27) which I am sure  
I wish any administrator  
we had in the Crimean War  
could have written.

I thought the Q. of Prussia  
looked old, harassed, worn -  
(she is 56) And no wonder,  
if what is said is true, viz.  
that the death of Maximilian  
has shaken the Emperor  
Napoleon on his throne  
more than anything else  
*could* have done - & that

no one knows what may be  
the consequence to his Dynasty.  
The confidence in his  
infallibility is gone. It is  
said that, if Max: had  
only returned to Europe,  
any tale might have been  
made up to satisfy the  
French peasantry - But  
the fact of his having been  
shot is fatal.

The Q. of Prussia went to Paris  
to-day.

She desired me to make a  
collection of my books for  
her, which I have done -  
tho' not half - because it is too  
expensive.

As you asked me, dearest mum,

to make you out a list of my  
little "Works," with the  
publishers, I am making  
a collection for you -  
But you must not give them  
away, when made, as I do.  
I never have a copy of  
any of my books *by me*,  
tho' I am sure I spend  
not less than £20 a year  
in ~~giving~~ replacing copies  
which I have given away.  
And people, even when they  
only borrow them, never  
return them.

I am quite ruined, especially  
by New South Wales & the  
United States.

I say nothing about Uncle  
Sam, because I only trust  
that all cause for  
anxiety about him is over.

But I do most seriously think  
that absolute rest & ease  
are most important - And  
that, if these can be had at  
Embley better than elsewhere,  
he should stay there for some  
weeks.

I am afraid I shall not have  
time to write to Papa - my  
hands are more than full.  
Perhaps you would send  
him this -  
ever dearest mum  
your loving child  
F.

9002/170 signed letter, 1f, pencil

July 20/67  
35 South Street {printed address:}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I saw Sir Harry this  
morning for 10 minutes  
*on his way to Claydon.*

I am sorry to say he  
grazed his shin at Ryde  
& was rather lame - I  
was very anxious he  
should see Paget on  
his way to the rail - And  
he promised he would -  
(As a shin is a delicate matter)  
yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale

9002/17 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 6/67

Dearest mum

I am so overwhelmed with business that I know not what it is to do anything but choose *which* is most urgent to do first.

I am afraid I must forego the great pleasure of seeing you to-day -

As for having a "quiet day", I have not known what it is to have *that*, since I went to Harley St. [And that is 14 years ago this very week -]

ever dearest mum your loving child

F.

9002/172 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:273-74]

*Nuns* 24/8/67

My dear Sir Harry

I have been so occupied that I have not been able even to tell you why I did not send your kind letter to the "Times".

They (Manning & Co.) are so crafty that they will always turn one's flank.

They would answer: -  
"We are not going to turn out the Crimean Nuns. We are going to make the charity more efficient We are going to divide the Hospital into two - leaving men & boys under the Crimean nuns & putting women & girls under the French nuns."

I have tried in vain to alter your wording by a word or two in order to put the thing so that it cannot be contradicted.

At one time I thought of asking you to consult Sir G. Bowyer. But, you see, he does not speak the truth, any more than the others.

He wrote me 3 letters, asking me to collect subscriptions, as if the Hospital were to be re-opened on its old footing!!!!

Of course we know that it is utterly impossible to support two R.C. Hospitals,

instead of one -

that Manning *has* turned away & *will* turn away the subscriptions from the Crimean nuns -

& that his object is to centralize the subscriptions in the hands of the ultramontane nuns, *without* appearing to "turn out" ours.

But I don't know how to tell this story in a newspaper, in such a way as that Manning would not come out of it triumphantly. That is the worst of having no better counsellor than Sir G. Bowyer.

A great wrong has been done to the poor (by

closing the *Hospital*) A great wrong has been done to the Crimean nuns by depriving them of their occupation -

[And I believe a great wrong has been done to Sir G. B.] But Manning is aware that he cannot ~~turn~~ legally turn the nuns out of their *Convent* & will say he has no intention of doing so. He wants to persuade them to ask to be sent away to Walthamstow ("to beg" (sic) i.e. -to live on *begging*-!)

ever yours

F.N.

I am very sorry to sacrifice your letter. Perhaps one might still be written. I do not know the {along side of page} exact present position.

[end 3:274]

9002/173 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

*Messrs Burge* 24/8/67

My dear Sir Harry

I received the enclosed two letters from Messrs Burge & Western & have filled up & sent in my Return accordingly -

Please return them to me

F.N.

9002/174 copy of signed letter, 1f, handwritten in pencil, bundle 144

35 South Street,  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

August 29/67

Dear Mr. Rawlinson.

This is only one line to wish you God speed on your journey - & to say how glad I am that you are going to have a little change & how I hope tha it will refresh you & let you up. I trust that it is only because you a little ailing that you are dispirited about yourself. We cannot spare you yet and you must come back quite well to work for the great cause for which you have worked so valiantly. Here am I who have been for 10 years an Invalid this very month - always told by the Doctors that I had not 6 months to live - x for these last 3 years a prisoner entirely to my couch and yet I am able to do as much work as ever - And altho' I will not deny that I shall be very glad when the time comes to lay down the weary load yet I am indeed unceasingly thankful that God still has work for me to do for Him & enables me to do it - tho' He has taken away so many of my best friends. We are so very busy this year that I think I shall not be able to get away even for a few weeks to Hampstead as I used.

I will now only thank you for your Aire & Calder report - which I should have done yesterday but that it was impossible for me to write.

That God may bless you and spare you yet for many years is the earnest prayer of yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Pray remember me kindly to Mrs. Rawlinson.

I trust that she is well -

9002/175 note, 1f, pencil {arch: August 1869?} [5:473]

*Gladstone's Article on Ecce Homo in  
Good Words*

it shows him quite hopeless & helpless  
in matters of theology - He is utterly  
devoid of the critical faculty;  
yet he has a sense that there  
ought to be criticism - He has  
the greatest power of living in  
words & formulas of any able  
man of the day.

9002/176 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept. 8/67

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

Dear Papa

Many thanks for you  
posy & your Lycidas.

I don't quite give up  
coming to Lea Hurst. It is  
after this wise: -

our Indian affairs which  
have been looking as black  
as thunder for the last  
year, are likely to be  
restored by Sir Bartle  
Frere, who has taken up  
my things almost as  
Sidney Herbert did 10½  
years ago. It seems to me

almost as if I were beginning  
all things anew from the  
beginning, as I had to do  
when I came back from  
Scutari & had to organize  
the Royal Commission.  
But Sir *Fabius* Frere is  
unus qui nobis cunctando restituit rem  
[You see I don't forget my  
Virgil, when, thanks to you,  
just 30 years ago I learnt by heart  
the 6th(?) book. and sure  
I am I have never opened  
it since.]

I am very thick in  
correspondence with Sir John

Lawrence just now. It is all  
about this Public Health  
Service which I want to  
establish. What we want is  
an Executive machinery  
in India to do it - and  
a Controlling machinery  
at the India Office to  
know that it is being done.  
Sir B. Frere, in whom all  
my hope resides (at this  
end), is coming this week  
to tell me whether he thinks  
that now or a few weeks  
later would be a better  
time to settle the home  
Committee, of which he is  
to be the head as I  
settled with Sir S. Northcote.

You will understand that

all this is quite private at present.

The Emperor Theodorus is much against us.

I have felt at this time what a very great boon you have given me in giving me a house of your own.

For me to have had to turn out at this time (as I had out of Cleveland Row at precisely a similar crisis of our things) would have been all but destruction - I think my moving now with all my papers is much like the exodus actually

9002/177 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [3:384-85]

Sept 16/67

Dear Papa

I hope you read the long & admirable (literary) Article in the "Times" of *Friday* on Seebohm's "Oxford Reformers of 1498" - Every word of it, changing the names, would do for the present day.

I think I shall say to Mr. Jowett, as Sir Thomas More did to Colet, "Your school (the "heretical Greek") is the wooden horse "pregnant with a brood of armed Greeks "for the overthrow of our barbarian Troy" How mean, how poor, the Commission on Ritualism, shows beside such works as Colet's & Erasmus' & Jowett's -  
ever your

I never read the F. "Times", leading Articles - But I think its *book* Articles capital.

I have read a good deal of Seebohm - most interesting [end 3:385]

9002/178 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept. 16/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

Dear Sir Harry

I ought to have told you  
before what I did with your  
letter about Abyssinia & Mr. F. Hearn.

All the Commissary work  
belonging to the other side Suez  
is done *not* from here but  
from India.

The mule-work *is* done  
by the Military Train belonging  
to the War Office. And the  
Col. C. Kennedy whom I  
mentioned to you is the  
Commandant.

But *your* man wants to  
be employed on the  
Commissariat.

I therefore gave the letter  
(the same day I received it)  
to Sir B. Frere, to send  
to his friend who commands  
the Commissariat at the  
India end, a Colonel -  
But I asked Sir B. Frere  
at the same time to  
enquire at the India Office  
whether anything could be  
done for him at this end

to send him to Abyssinia.

I hear (& believe) the most terrible accounts of our state of preparation or no-preparation at this end -

Better have bought off the captives at any loss of honour.

The whole Expedition may possibly perish.

Many thanks for your beautiful flowers -

2. I don't know whether you [6:532] wanted me to enter into the *Moule* question. You know

we entirely repudiate *all* the *dry-earth* systems.

After 30 years; trial, they are giving up them every where -

In India the Gaol Mortality produced by them is so frightful that they dare not publish it, for fear of its producing the same out-cry as the Prison famine in England -

And we have now good hopes of introducing water systems all over India. the Leamington Conference was all a hoax.

The "Times" is quite deluded -  
ever yours

F.N.

9002/179 initialed letter, 4ff, pen [6:534-36]

Sept. 21/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have consulted some  
of our "Bigs" (as I once  
heard our Dragoman in  
Egypt call the "great men  
of a country) about your  
Dry earth question.

To establish a fair  
understanding, one must  
always admit this: -

these Moule people have looked  
upon the question only on  
the side of villages -

we have looked at it  
too much on the side of  
towns only.

they have tried to force  
it upon us ~~in~~ for our towns,  
(which is absolute insanity) -

we have perhaps disregarded  
too much what may be  
said on the side of villages.

For cottages in the country,  
unquestionably any thing is  
better than the prevailing  
management of latrines.

The dry earth system is  
probably the cheapest and  
with great care can be made  
efficient.

[But - with great care only]  
People who go to inspect  
Baron Rothschild's estate  
forget 3 things: -

1. that they see it only when  
care is exercised & not  
when it is not.

2. that the absence of smell is not absence of danger
3. that attacks of fever have been undoubtedly traced to the dry earth system.

Not a week passes that the question is not brought up before us - And we always answer, *except* in the case of *towns*; - Try it.

When I asked the question for you, they said: - Let Sir Harry Verney try it in his cottages.

Last week the question came up before us, with regard to a Prison at Aldershot, which has neither water=supply nor drainage. We, the English members, said: - Try it. The Indian members,

like burnt children, said,  
Certainly not. It was  
settled that we should  
ask the Moule people  
for an estimate. And,  
unless it turns out, as  
we expect, that their  
estimate will be higher  
(in cost) than it would be  
to have water=drainage,  
we shall certainly try it.  
One thing against the water=  
drainers we must  
undoubtedly admit: -  
that they have never thought  
sufficiently what to do  
with the sewage -  
There are two questions: -  
1. facility  
2. cost -

The first embraces the ~~fact~~ consideration that  
all these things should be  
managed so that as much as  
possible they shall manage  
themselves. Now the dry  
earth system can never do  
this.

Many cottages have been drained  
& so well done as to avoid  
the inevitable annoyance  
of the dry earth system,  
if not *constantly* attended  
to.

Then we must not forget that  
there is nothing new in it, -  
that the same system, using  
dry ashes instead of earth,  
has made the unhealthiest  
towns in England - (Manchester  
& Liverpool, e.g.)

It may be said that with  
due care the admitted evils,  
which exist there, can be  
avoided. But then  
comes in the second question  
of cost - when such methods

especially are applied to towns.

We have an estimate for Madras which shows that to apply the dry earth System to Madras City would cost nearly as much as to execute the gigantic sewer works for the whole of London.

Besides, it is known that the dry earth system only removes 1/200th part of the sewage of a town - & that it makes no provision for the rest.

However, I believe your question more particularly applies to the utilization of sewage of country cottages.

Upon this, I should like to show you the Aire &

Calder Report, just out -  
& the beautiful results of  
applying liquid manure.

[The present crop of Moule asses  
will ere long come round  
to liquid manure. And then  
we shall have another crop  
of asses proposing something  
else.]

For this regards the value of  
dry earth manure. We  
must bear in mind that  
no plant can live on any  
but liquid manure. If you  
put in any other kind,  
you must wait for rain to  
dilute it. But, with sewage  
water, you have a manure  
all ready made for the plant -  
And if you will refer to  
Third Report. Vol I., 1867,  
of the "Rivers Commission",  
p.p.lix,lx, you will find

the annual value of produce  
(from experience) with sewer  
water put down at from  
£100 to £200 per acre.

Dry manure never did this, I  
believe.

==  
[The above Report is  
presented to Parliament.  
And the Aire & Calder  
Report, mentioned above,  
is part of it.]

I ate one of your partridges  
with cabbage, which served  
me for Saturday's & Sunday's  
dinners, & enjoyed it very  
much. thanks to you -

ever yours

F.N.

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

9002/180 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept.22/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

Dear

I think it is only right to you to say what I do not feel to be of immediate importance but what has pressed upon me for some time - that Sir Harry is not looking well - & not ~~speaking~~ toned as if he were well - & that he wants a regular home & regular wife very much.

I write this with great reluctance, having the greatest horror of doing harm by interfering - with so much reluctance indeed that

I should not have written at all, had not several people in whose judgment I have confidence told me the same thing. One said, (in exactly the words that I should have used myself, but did not) - he wants a constant home, in his kind of health - & some one constantly to take care of him.

[Mme Mohl said of Hilary - "You can't say that she is the most unselfish person you ever saw - for

she has no selfishness at  
all'.]

So I say of Sir Harry. Therefore,  
~~But~~, as he takes *no* care  
of himself, he wants the more  
some one to take care  
of *him*. always.

Sir Harry has never spoken  
to me of his health.  
Nor I to him. And of  
course you will not  
let him know that I  
have written this.

Please not to answer this.

ever yours

F.N.

One person said to me: -  
"he is looking very ill."

9002/181 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 29/67

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

My dear Sir Harry

I have been pressed with business to that degree latterly that I am sure you will excuse my not having written to you as to what I have done about the Queen of Holland - & still more I need excuse as to the manner in which I have done it.

I found that the Q. of Holland had talked to M. Mohl (very much interested) in your visit to her) about it (your visit) & also about any thing I might have written of a religious nature - that M. Mohl told her at once *she could not see it* -

I therefore took the liberty not only of writing to M. Mohl

for his advice about my own part of ~~it~~ the matter (I entirely concur with M. Mohl in his opinion) but of enclosing your letter to him - And he writes me word that he has no hesitation in what he thinks right & wise & that he has not given her your letter - that he will (if I will "allow" him) "write" to you & "give ~~h~~you his reasons for doing so" - that you are so "kind & reasonable" you "will not be very angry with" him - that "at any rate he wishes to be responsible for what he is doing."

Unless I hear to the contrary from ~~him~~ you, I shall consider the matter as closed

Sir B. Frere was so very much pleased by his visit to Claydon -  
in great haste  
ever yours gratefully  
F.N.

9002/182 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

2 Nov./67

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

London. W.

[16:717-18]

Dear Papa

It was exactly because Mr. Wright did not hold the views expressed in Lord Belper's letter that the Hospital plans have succeeded.

And there is no doubt that all the people who have been defeated consider the plans "very bad."

I am extremely sorry to lose Lord Belper as a valuable ally & still more sorry for the exhibition of temper he has made.

I understand (*not* from the Wright faction) that he, Ld. B., has been "very savage".

& that Mr. Wright has acted  
somewhat "without  
judgment." And it is  
just because Mr. Wright has  
acted "without judgment" - (i.e.  
"without" Ld Belper's "judgment")  
that he has carried the day  
for the best Hospital  
improvements that could be  
effected under the circumstances.

As to the plans being  
"rash & ill-considered", probably  
no plans were ever so well  
"considered" before. There are  
perhaps scarcely 20 people  
in England who have studied  
the elements of Hospital  
construction - (and of these  
certainly Ld Belper is not  
one) - and all who knew  
anything about it were

consulted.

I believe however that it is not the "Nightingale Wing", as you suppose, which Ld Belper condemns - but the plan to interfere with the old part of the building [which is so insanitary (for sick) that we, after *much* "consideration", told the Wright faction that they would really find it better & cheaper to sell the building & build elsewhere a new Hospital.]

This is *not* to be done. But it appears that the old ventilation in the old building (which is to be gutted) was planned by Ld Belper's father who put an old man in charge of it

who is dead - since which  
it has entirely failed. This  
was told me by a friend  
of Ld B.'s, *not* of Mr. Wright's,  
as the cause of his, Ld B.'s,  
ire. We are not to interfere he thinks  
with this sacred plan, which has failed.  
However, whatever it is (and  
all sorts of pamphlets  
have been issued about it)  
I have nothing to do with the  
quarrel -[ And I think,  
perhaps presumptuously,  
that I might have prevented  
it.] From the very first I  
told Mr. Wright that I would  
consider all plans of Hospital  
construction, as all plans of  
Hospital Administration &  
Nursing - but that I never  
would canvass for any, least  
of all in my own county. or be  
made a tool for agitation  
{closing & initial partly cut off}

**[end 16:718]**

9002/183 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

9 Nov. /67  
35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

Dear Papa

I should be glad of some answer, please, as to whether I may expect a hamper of purchased meats & goods every week from you - as the four months from November 1 to February 28 are probably the only months cold enough for this - and November is nearly half gone already.

If it is not convenient to you to supply me, I should go elsewhere. For I find half London is

doing what I propose to do - viz. bringing the London tradesmen to their senses by using country tradesmen - & saving, after carriage has been allowed for, at least 25 per cent.

My own feeling is so strong about the wickedness of letting prices go anyhow & wasting perhaps £50 a year, when there are 100,000 uneducated children on the streets, that, helpless as I am, I am continually doing what I can with the tradesmen. And I cut off a chicken a week off my

own consumption for the sake  
of putting a boy on the  
Chichester Training=ship  
which costs only £15 a year.

I have been paying /10d for  
beef & /9½d for mutton, and  
10/s a couple for fowls -  
and even this is not so  
bad as my neighbours -  
And all I have been able  
to get taken off, after a  
course of correspondence to  
which I am quite unequal,  
is - 0 for beef

½ " mutton [ditto]

1/s " couple of fowls [ditto]

I wrote again to my butcher  
& received this answer,  
which please return to me,  
as it is quite a curiosity.

I shall enjoy answering  
this man by taking off  
half my custom from him.]  
I propose therefore to  
have from you weekly  
(by the Tuesday's opportunity)  
as I said before a  
hamper with

1 leg mutton

1 joint pork

(loin or leg or occasional  
saddle)

1 fat fowl

(chine, bacon, pig's face & sausages &c

occasionally)

at your market price.

But I ~~sh~~ would to go farther,  
if I could have an answer  
from you -

If I found that we could  
keep well a week's  
consumption of meat,

9002/184 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

12 Nov. /67  
35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Nothing, I think, can be better worded or more comprehensive than this Notice. The only question is, how the Ho: will take it. And this, you know much better than I. Before putting it on the paper, I should certainly see Lord Stanley & probably others about it.

The Govt= have agreed, at Sir R. Murchison's suggestion, to send out Scientific Men with the Expedition. Still an archaeologist may be wanted too.

But I would take care to learn all this, if I were putting such a Notice forward.

N.B. I have often talked with German Egyptologists on the subject of Abyssinian antiquities - (men of more precise notions than dear old Bunsen.) There is but little to be had - nothing prior to Christianity - tho' Christian monuments have probably been raised on elder ones - nothing at all of the importance of Egyptian & Nubian antiquities.

I will write to M. Mohl  
about your letter to the Q. Of  
H.

1000 thanks for flowers &c  
in haste  
ever yours  
F.N.

9002/185 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

13 Nov. /67  
35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

My dear Capt Verney

I wish so very much to  
wish you joy of "Her", &  
"Her" of you that, if I had  
an atom less business, I  
should say, 'si c'est possible  
'c'est fait - si c'est impossible,  
'cela se fera'. But this week  
I am afraid it is more than  
'impossible.'

Besides my usual work,  
so much more work has  
been thrown upon me by  
a large Civil Hospital (in

which an unfortunate  
resignation has occurred,) that I am having  
business interviews with  
people every morning,  
& every afternoon this  
week -

If it the business turns out shorter than  
I expect, I will, (if I may),  
write to you - to ask you  
But, as I hope that your  
happiness will last for  
a great many more  
weeks, nay for a hundred

and forty and four years,  
I shall hope to have  
many opportunities of  
wishing you & "Her" joy,  
as you are so good as  
to care for it.

ever yours (& "Hers", if  
she will allow me to say so)  
F. Nightingale

9002/186 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

16 Nov /67  
 35 South Street, {printed address}  
 Park Lane W.  
 London. W.

Dear Papa

As to prices of meat: -  
 I send you the quotations from  
 to-day's Times, which I had  
 not time to copy for to-day's  
 post (Saturday): -

"Devizes. Nov 14

Beef. Retail prices	/8d	to	/8 ½d
Mutton	/6d	to	/6¼

"Devonshire Nov 175

Exeter  
 Totnes  
 Chudleigh  
 &c &c

Beef	/7d	to	8½ d per lb
Mutton Legs	/6d	to	6½ " "
" Breasts	/5d	to	5½d " "

"York" Nov. 14

Mutton	/5d	to	6½d " "
Pork pigs	6/s	to	7/s per stone.

The highest price quoted for  
 legs of mutton in the whole  
 "Times" is "sixpence halfpenny"  
 per lb.

I conclude this is also your  
 market price.

Should your Butcher charge  
 you more than /8½ d for  
 sirloin of beef, it would  
 not be worth my while  
 to have Beef from him

I should be glad of an  
 answer as soon as  
 convenient, please - as  
 I had some difficulty in

ordering in things this morning, owing to my not having had time to write to you to get an answer as to what I may expect on Tuesday.

ever dear Pa  
your loving child  
F.

9002/187 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, probably to FPV

21 Nov /67

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

In haste, for London. W.

I really have not time to "bless myself" - as Irish say  
I wrote your invitation to Sir B. Frere. Lady Frere called. But I did not see her. Probably they have written to you -  
The only good news I have I send for Aunt Mai.  
Manning's persecution of the nuns had passed all bounds. *But Sister Gonzaga has been got back to Bermondsey under*

*Revd Mother.* The relief is quite beyond description.  
[Latterly I had been contributing to buy *food* for the Ormond St. Sisters!!]

Of course you will burn this.

I hope to write soon  
 about other things  
 & better things.  
 You know perhaps that  
 we have been extremely  
 uneasy about Mrs.  
 Herbert who had  
 gone to the W. Indies  
 for George's health.  
 Even yet they seem to know  
 nothing *for certain*  
 of them.

9002/188 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

21 Nov /67  
 35 South Street, {printed address:}  
 Park Lane W.  
 London. W.

Dear Papa

I quite understood that  
 you did not tell me of your  
 neighbour giving 9½ d. for his  
 leg of mutton, except as  
 shewing that people in the  
 country are just as great  
 fools as we are in London -  
 that, with the Times reports  
 daily staring us in the face,  
 by which we see that

"beef is	/6	to 1/0	per stone of 8 lbs
mutton is	/8	to 1/4	cheaper
veal	1/	to 2/6	than last year
best pork	1/		

We allow our butchers to  
 charge the same prices as last  
 year thereby keeping up the price  
 of meat -

& putting it wholly out of the  
                                 reach of married  
                                 clerks & married  
 artizans with incomes of  
 £100 or £200 a year -  
 scores of poultry, game &c  
 being thrown away to rot  
 every day because  
 poulterers & butchers wish  
 to keep up the price - instead  
 of selling it at cheap prices to the poor -  
 I see that at Liverpool, where  
 they do things better -  
 beef is           /4¼d to   /6¾ per lb  
 mutton       /5           to   /7   "   "  
 [I am utterly worn out (for  
 my cares are more in number  
 than the hairs of my head)  
 that I have not even the  
 spirits to give myself credit  
 that, overworked & overladen

as I am, I will not allow  
 myself to be an accomplice  
 in this thievery.]

I had hopes that you would  
 have sent me in a Bill  
 weekly for your Mutton & Pork,  
 as you do for washing.

As for my "leaving it to  
 "Mrs. Watson to fix the  
 "price of your mutton", that  
 is quite out of the question.

I must therefore look in  
 the Times weekly & make  
 out my own Bill against  
 myself weekly.

[I think this is hard upon  
 me: I who have not time  
 to read the most important  
 intelligence in the Times -  
 & who cannot speak or  
 write one unnecessary word.]

However

I see, on the very day that you announced your neighbours as paying /9½ for leg of mutton

"Retail Prices: at Romsey.

Mutton /7d

Beef /8

Pork /7

But I see in *Wiltshire*

(probably because *Wiltshire* does *not* do like your

Mutton neighbours)

highest price /6½

/6

inferior /5¾

/5½

and at *Worcester*

Mutton legs /6½d to /7d per lb

shoulders /6d

Pork /5½ to /6d per lb

As *I* am to fix the price, *I*

will give you the highest country price

viz. Mutton /7d Pork /7d

lbs at 7/d per lib.

Leg Mutton	8¼oz	4. 9¾	
" "		9.1	5. 3½
Loin Pork	3¼	1. 10¾	

I enclose a Cheque for £5

(which please acknowledge)

And I will keep this Acct

against myself -

As for the fowl I have had,

I don't know how to

charge it. I am told

that the market price

for fat fowls in London

is 2/6 [I pay 4/6]

I shall set it down as 2/6

s

that is 12

2. 6

£0. 14. 6 Paid

But surely your people

could tell me the price of

a fowl & ½ lb Butter  
with you.

I conclude, as you have not  
told me the prices (in your  
Butcher's book) of Beef  
that it is as dear with  
you as with me- And  
therefore I give up the  
Beef -

Mama says: - "the cheaper the  
thing, the more we use"

Tell her: we are worse off -  
for my London experience is:  
the dearer the thing is, the  
more we use - My 4 (young/3) maids  
ate up 14 lbs of Sirloin of Beef in 2 days!

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

{printed address, upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane W.

London. W. F.

9002/189 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

24 Nov /67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

[13:414]

Dearest mum

Could you let me have  
my "Prince Albert" (the last  
Vol: (which I paid for) up  
by the box? -

I am making up this  
week for the Nurses we  
are sending out to  
Australia with a Lady  
Supt, a set of books to  
take with them

[Any other books fit for  
the purpose which you  
would send up would be  
thankfully received] -

The Vol: I mean is, I think,  
called "The Early Years of  
P. Albert" - It has my  
name in pencil.

Like poor Lord Metcalfe,  
"the want of time makes  
me half=mad"

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

[end]

Mrs Nightingale

9002/190 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sunday Nov 24/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You know perhaps that *my*  
"Abyssinian Expedition" *for New*  
*South Wales* sails on Monday  
week.

All the party come here this  
week (by twos) to tea & to be  
talked to by me -

Two come on Tuesday - two  
on Wednesday - the Supt on  
Thursday - the Assist on Friday.

If Parthe or Emily or both  
could come in to the tea on  
Tuesday & Wednesday to do  
them honour, I should be  
very thankful. If Capt. Verney

& Emily would sing them a hymn, *that would* be perfect. If you would come & offer a short prayer for them - - - (but I don't know whether you would like it or whether you have time) One of the two who comes on Tuesday is a very religious woman - But, when her temper takes her, like one "possessed with the devil". I see them one by one up in my own room. They

come at 3 - They drink tea in the dining-room - perhaps - about 4.

I have seen the Supt. (Miss Osburn) twice already - & hope she will do well.

ever yours gratefully  
F.N.

9002/191 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Nov. 26 {arch: 67}  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.

My dear Sir Harry

About the Nurses to-day & tomorrow: -

I should like your prayers better than any one's -

Perhaps you cannot come *to-day* at all -

If you could, we would have *that* part at any time after 3 you could come -

[Unless Mr. Fremantle happened to be in your house at the time, I don't think the prayers of a Chaplain they did not know would have the same effect upon

them -as yours.

It is very undesirable that they should think themselves heroines. For they are in fact going out to far more comfortable & highly paid places than we could secure for them at home - & with a careful provision as to passages, outfit & position there, [which, if one hundredths part of it had been bestowed on *our* going out to Scutari, would have prevented half our misfortunes]

But - it is most essential

that they should go out in a duty-ful, conscientious, prayerful spirit - (not as if they were going on a Matrimonial speculation) -

I think the prayers of one personally interested in their Training=School would have the most effect upon them -

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

2 come to-day at 3  
2 come to-morrow " "

9002/192 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 2/67

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

My dear Capt. Verney

I must thank you for the  
great kindness of you & yours  
to our Nurses -

I saw each of those worthies  
separately both before & after  
the performances - And I am  
sure they each & all of them  
went away in a holier &  
happier frame of mind, &  
with a more earnest  
resolution  
to undertake their duties, as  
"approved unto God."

Two or three of them said  
to me that she "should never  
forget this day" - And I don't  
believe they ever will - I believe

they go to the threshold of a new  
life, with something of the  
feeling (thanks to you all)  
with which we ought to  
approach a new life -  
Each of them said this to me  
after her own fashion -  
But the elder of the first two  
who is a woman of strong  
religious feeling (but with  
a temper like "one possessed  
with the devil") was  
particularly impressed -  
I hardly know any ones but you  
who would have taken such  
pains to give them a great  
pleasure and to do them  
good.

And I too had the pleasure of  
hearing the music-  
"Nearer, my God to Thee" and  
"If some poor wandering child of  
Thine" -

I really have a superstition  
against croaking my  
blessing on your Promessa  
But I hope to-morrow afternoon  
I may be a little less hoarse.  
I can find no present worthy of  
her - Neither have I any  
claim to make her any  
present at all, except through  
you - therefore I would  
fain give her the pleasure,

greater than any other, of  
a present from you, if you  
will appropriate this little  
sum to it & thus complete  
your kindnesses to your  
affectionate old (Aunt?)  
Florence Nightingale

who wishes you  
every blessing  
on your Expedition  
into the New Land  
from all her heart.

9002/193 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Still=room maids Dec 5/67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

Dearest mum

I have scarcely time to do my own business. But, as Christmas is now within 3 weeks, I must not delay another day asking you what you have kindly determined about your Still=room maid, Jenny Dowding, & whether you propose that she should come to me at Christmas for (say) 3 months' trial - to see whether London will suit her health.

My charwoman leaves me quite certainly at Christmas. You understand that Jenny Dowding will be entirely

under Burch - & not under  
Temperance at all.

But, as she, Jenny, will have certainly as second housemaid very little to do here, it would be very desirable if she could help a little in the kitchen. But, as one never knows where that may stop, when a girl has no real mistress & is put under a housemaid & a cook, each of whom is as entirely unfitted to be a guide and housekeeper as I think almost any one I ever saw, (tho' invaluable to me - ) I should like to know, please, exactly what Jenny Dowding has been in the

habit of doing with you, in order that I may neither raise nor lower her position at first.

I should also like to know about her wages &c. also, whether I may be quite sure that, if London does not suit her health, you will kindly take her back - It would be very desirable if she could do the very little Parlour-maid-ing I have to be done, & so relieve Temperance.

You know I shall scarcely ever see her - not once a month. It would be quite impossible for me to take upon myself one additional anxiety - or the speaking of one extra word. I have already

to do a great many things in managing  
& ordering which Walker  
always did for me. It  
would therefore be quite  
impossible for me to pretend  
to take care of this poor girl.  
And that makes me very  
anxious. Had she not  
been 4 years with you, I  
never should have thought  
it right to undertake it.  
My charwoman was completely  
off ~~th~~ my mind. And that was  
the great advantage of her to  
me.

In thinking over Jenny Dowding,  
please remember a house  
where there is no housekeeper  
& where the mistress is *always*  
in bed - & upstairs -

I shall be glad of an answer  
as soon as convenient, dearest  
mum - ever your loving child

Florence Nightingale

9002/194 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Burn* Dec 14 /67  
35 South Street, {printed address:}  
Park Lane W.  
London. W.

Dear Sir Harry

Please read the enclosed -  
It is from Dr. Anstie, one of the  
Secretaries to the "Workhouse  
Reform Association", (and a  
far better man than Ernest  
Hart, who has, in fact  
been muzzled by Hardy,  
who is a Charlatan) -  
I hear but one voice against  
Hardy's Act - viz. that it  
will prove a mere vehicle  
for jobbery - all which  
might have been foreseen  
by the simplest common  
sense last Session. All

that I then stated to you  
has come to pass - in trying  
to work the Act - merely. [What  
*will* it be when the Act come in force?]  
What I ask you to read Dr.  
Anstie's letter for is: -  
not about my "writing to the  
Times," which I don't think  
I ever could make up my  
mind to do - but -  
to advice me about the  
Parliamentary Enquiry  
next Session  
which he proposes -  
Is it feasible? -  
Is it desirable? -

It is quite certain that the Poor Law question has arrived at such a point that *something* must be done, one way or other - I am in such a state that I ought not to speak, not to write, not even to sit up in bed - for a month at least. The worry, the insufferable twaddle of Mr. Bowman & all the Council of St. John's House, forcing themselves in here - [you know that Miss Jones & all her Sisterhood have resigned] has been such

that I am almost useless - In the state I am in now, I could not possibly undertake any 'coaching' of M.P.s for any Poor Law Parliamentary Enquiry next Session, such as Dr. Anstie proposes, however essential & urgent I believe it to be -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/195 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

*Poor Law Enquiry* 17 Dec. /67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I was quite unable to write to you sooner.

I have thought most carefully over your kind offer (of Saturday) about Ld Carnarvon & a Parliamentary enquiry -

And my conclusion is this: - perhaps the best course would be for you to see Ld Carnarvon and to talk over with him the "Farnham" case, as affording a ground for a general Parliamentary enquiry into the present administration of the Poor Law, including not only

sick & disabled - but also possibly, in the present alarming state of ever-increasing distress, able-bodied & the means of checking pauperism by supplying *work*. [The policy, however, of including the distress question in one enquiry can only be judged of by Parliamentary men.] It is possible that Ld Carnarvon might go at once to Ld Devon - that Ld Devon might at once consult his colleagues - &

that they might be too glad to accede to such an enquiry.

In that case, I do not see why I need to be dragged into the matter at all, which I would gladly avoid - I mean that there would be no occasion then for Ld. Carnarvon to write to me, & for our letters to be published in the "Times" - unless Ld. C - himself suggested such a course, as necessary to hasten the Minister's steps - The first thing seems to me to be to ascertain how the land lies, with Ld Carnarvon & Ld Devon, if you would kindly do so - Then, if I could do any good,

I would not shrink from it.

Ld. Carnarvon has a most trustworthy adviser in Mr. Farnall, whom he knows & esteems, (& to whom he made a promise), which however, he never kept.) Mr. Farnall knows more about the practical working of the Poor Law than any man in England.

With many thanks, ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

If you no longer want my Abyssinian Routes, please let me have them - But, if you do, they are more useful in your hands than mine.

F.N.

9002/196 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch:? Dec? 1867}

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

Dearest mum

In all my driving life, I  
have never been driven  
as lately.

I have written to Mrs.  
Watson about Bismark, as  
enclosed. Perhaps it  
will entertain you to read  
about the Nurses.

1000 thanks for your  
books. The Nurses sailed  
on Monday, so that they  
were gone before your  
kind present arrived.  
But I had already given  
them a handsome Walter  
Scott in 12 Vols. The  
Chatterboxes &c came from

Willis & Sotheran on Saturday.

But the ship had  
already moved down  
to Gravesend - And we sent  
the whole luggage on board  
on Friday.

The "Prince Albert" was  
quite right - & formed an  
acceptable addition to their  
box - many thanks.

Shall I send you back  
your books?

If you like to leave them  
with me, I ~~know~~ have plenty of  
Institutions to give them  
to - I have always crowds -  
& will give them in your  
name.

The Chatterboxes will please  
the Little Cripples, whom

Edm: Verney goes to sing to,  
exceedingly.

I have a thousand things to say,  
but no one can even believe  
how I am pressed. I have  
congestion on the chest - &  
nothing would do me any  
good but not to speak,  
not to think, not to write,  
which is just what I can't  
help -

We are going to leave King's  
College Hospl with our  
Midwifery ward - And all  
*that* has to be done over  
again.

[8:198]

Then I have seen Mr. Bowman  
three afternoons & Miss  
Jones 2, about *their*  
quarrel - between the Sisters

& the Council - which is  
wearing her to death. God  
only knows how to settle  
it.

[end 8:198]

Sister Gonzaga has been received  
back to Bermondsey - There  
is *one* provided for. God  
be thanked for it. It  
was a great relief.

in great haste  
ever, dearest mum  
Your loving child  
F.

It is just a twelvemonth  
yesterday since I left Embley -  
a twelvemonth that I have  
never been out of these  
rooms but once - never been  
down-stairs but once.  
Please to order our Christmas greeneries

9002/197 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 67 March}

Dearest mother

The two kittens are  
thorough=breds - & no mistake.  
They are by far the greatest  
beauties I have seen yet.  
Pray ask Mrs. Watson to  
tell me their parentage,  
sex, age & names -

They arrived here late  
(I did not send for them,  
not knowing they were  
coming) - immediately  
took possession of the  
house & grounds - &  
drove away the four big  
cats. They are perfectly  
clean & do their education

credit.

I am sorry to hear  
Jemmy Watson is ailing.

I am very much overdone  
with business - [Lord de  
Grey comes to me on  
Sunday.] But our business  
is up in the scale -

ever dear mum  
your loving child  
F.

I am bid to remind you  
that my Ginger wine is  
all out.

Thanks for a plentiful  
Commissariat.

9002/198 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?May 1867}

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

My dear Sir Harry

I should be very thankful  
if Capt. Verney would give  
me the pleasure of hearing  
him any time convenient  
to himself - this afternoon -  
on his Harmonium - (which  
is as good as an Organ - in  
Westm: Abby)

And if Parthe could come  
about 10 min: before

ever yours  
F.N.

9002/199 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Monday

My dear Sir Harry

If you are kind enough to take this note,  
I think it is very good of you -

I can make out all the lady writes, except  
her name - I think now it is *Ungern*  
Sternberg.

You will see that she is only in London for  
the day - & may be only driving in (to town) for  
2 days more - Tuesday & Wednesday -

Would Parthe send me back the 3 photographs of the  
Swedish lady & Hospital? ever yours F.N.

9002/200 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

I should be very glad if Emily liked to come  
to the Sacrament- I fancied she would not -  
[You know, Mr. Fremantle of Claydon, lead the Seven  
Chiefs ~~of~~ against Thebes - Thebes = my big Plato.]

F.N.

Sunday {arch: ?Ap 1867}

9002/201 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dearie

I shall be very glad to "have music" at 2.30, if he is so good as to give it (or before) -

And, if you go out in this dreadful weather (they call this, spring!) & would come for the music & stay a little after, I should be very glad -

F.

9002/202 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

I am afraid I am better without the music - (tho' I like it so much - or *because* perhaps I like it so much-) when I have anything to do which is a great exertion to me -

The Carmelites are often praised for their *immense* self-sacrifice in taking the Sacrament thro' the wall - I often wish I could {arch: May 67?}

F.

9002/203 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Dearie

I feel so very little up to driving - now - It sacrifices with me a whole 24 hours - & sometimes two -

Still, if you think you really are going away, I would accept your kind offer -

But Saturday would be better for me than to-day - unless you might be planning an expedition for Saturday -

3 o'cl. is a very good hour for me. And that gives you a drive afterwards, I hope.

Or 2.30

I *could* do it to-day, if more convenient to you -

R.S.V.P.

9002/204 unsigned note, 1f, pen {arch: ?1867}

I think it signifies *less* going to the dinner than occasional visiting of the Hospital - tho' it is also well to go to the dinner.

I am sure Sir C. Lewis will do nothing about the matter: tho' it is well to ask him. Would the "Society" I mentioned do anything? {printed address, vertical:} 30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

9002/205 incomplete notes, 4ff, pen {arch: ?1867} bold indicates FN inserted capitals, bundle 144

Here is another dying prayer. Do you know whose prayer this is?  
 Father, the hour is come; declare (or explain) thy Son, that thy son may also declare thee; as thou hast given him power over **A** all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as **B** many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, *that they might* KNOW THEE *the only true God,* & him **D** whom thou hast sent. I have declared (or explained) thee on earth; **E** *I have finished the work* which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, explain thou me (by thy self) with the clearness (the manifestation) which I had with thee (or by thee) before the **F** world was. I have manifested thy name to people whom thou gavest me from the world; **G** *thine they were & thou gavest them me;* & they have kept thy word. Now they know that all thou hast given me is from thee. For I have given them the words which thou ~~hast~~ givest me; & they have received [thou?] it, & recognised really that I went out from thee; & believe that thou hast sent me. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me; for they are thine: And all that is mine, *that* is thine; and what is thine, that is mine; and I am manifested

in them. **H** And I am no more in the world;  
but they are in the world, and I come to thee.  
Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou  
hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.  
While I was with them in the world, I kept  
them in thy name. Those thou hast given me  
I have preserved, & none of them is lost,  
except the lost child - (and so the writing  
was fulfilled.) But now I come to thee; &  
speak such things in the world, in order that they  
may have *my* **I** joy perfect in themselves. I have  
given them thy word, & the world hates them;  
for they are not of the world, as then I too am  
not of the world. I pray not, that thou shouldst  
take them out of the world, but that thou  
shouldst preserve them from the evil. They  
are not of the world, as I too am not of the  
world. Make them holy in thy truth; thy **K** word  
is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world,  
so I send them also into the world. I make  
myself holy (devote myself) for them, in order  
that they also may be made holy in the truth.  
But I pray not alone for them, but also for  
those, who through their word will believe on  
me, that they all may be one, as thou, Father, in

me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us, in order that the world may believe ~~that~~ thou hast sent me. And I have given them the magnificence **I** (mastery or brightness) which thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are one, I in them, & thou in me, that they may be perfect in me; & the world may discern that thou hast sent me, & lovest them as thou lovest me. Father, I will that where I am, they too may be with me, whom thou hast given me, that they may see my mastery (or brightness) which thou hast given me; for thou hast loved me **F** before the world was founded. Just Father, *the world knows thee not*; but I know thee, & these discern that thou hast sent me. And I have *made known C to them thy name* & will make it known to them; that the love, with which thou lovest me, may be in them, and I in them.

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I do not know why these expressions offend you. I always feel on the contrary that they come particularly home to me. Many of them I could almost use myself,

tho' I am sure I have no overweening idea of my own doings.

First of all, it is evident from the perpetual repetition (just what takes place when one at the crisis of his fate, but not yet in action, pours out his soul) that it was said & probably heard - under great agitation - & that we cannot be sure either that we have it exactly as it was said at all.

The first sentence bears no sign that he was asking God to declare him the Messiah by a *coup de main* - but just the contrary. If you read the translation from Ewald of Isaiah LIII, you see what Christ did echo, (not the common idea of ~~the~~ a glorious kingdom for the Messiah upon the earth) but the understanding that the "good man" was to be manifested thro' suffering & in contempt - not thro' glory - that his "kingdom" was to be one of sorrows freely accepted, not one of triumph - And what gives greater power, ~~than~~ a greater "kingdom" than to accept every struggle & every grief & every calumny gladly, in going the road of God's

will? That *is* freedom or power (2

A and B seem rather inconsistent. One can only repeat: - to accept freely suffering in the course of doing God's will *is* to acquire almost unlimited power over all flesh.

C is surely no more than what we say ourselves, or ought to say - viz. That to "know God," all His laws, His character (which must be the work of ages for mankind to do † but I don't see that Christ abrogates to himself the having done it all - on the contrary, in this very prayer, he is always alluding to what those who follow him will do - & elsewhere he says - "And greater works than these (his own) you shall do"] - to "know God" *is* THE WAY by which mankind is to create mankind. For what is to "create" but to "give life"? - And that is just what Christ here says.

The last sentence C in the prayer repeats this. And here there is nothing as if the object were to manifest Christ - on the contrary he tells what the object is

- viz. that they may all feel the same love,  
they for God, God for them, he for God & them.

D This phrase repels you. But I am sure  
I have often said this myself. Every one  
Sees who believes ~~they~~ he has a mission -  
And who has not? - - The wonder is that  
I have found two eminent men, Sidney  
Herbert & Sir John Lawrence, who believed  
"my word" - i.e. believed I was "declaring"  
God's "word", one of His laws.

E That is always what I am striving  
to be able to say myself. It is evident  
that God has not given to me to persuade  
Lord de Grey or Sir C. Wood or Mrs. Shaw  
Stewart or Col: Wilbraham. Why should  
I be cast down because it is so? Let  
me only think of that work which He  
*has* given me - & admire that He should  
have given to such as I am His own  
power of convincing such a one as Sir  
John Lawrence -

read the blue paper

F. Do these expressions offend you?  
All the arguments for an eternity before us  
apply equally to an eternity behind us -

Plato & St. Augustine both say the same.  
Augustine says that "God loved us before we  
were at all".

G - I always feel that Sidney Herbert  
& Sir John Lawrence were God's, not mine  
(not my dear Clough, but God's dear Clough)  
that He gave them to me, not that I took  
them. It is obvious that I could not have  
convinced these great men, unless God had  
given them me- (given them, that is, through  
the working of their own faculties, which  
enabled them to understand that law of  
God's which I was "declaring" -) since  
I cannot convince a very little one,  
Lord de Grey.

And so, on to H. from which it applies  
more to one who has formed a great following,  
- Fliedner could say it on *his* death bed -  
It applies not to me, for whom have I  
who is "one with" me now, as I am (or ought  
to be) "one with God"? But what a strength

it would be to me, if I had? Only one, but only one, I say to God. But I have not one. It might have been with one. But she would not have it. It was with one. ~~But~~ But she would have it no more. How often have I longed to say, I & Papa "are one", ~~one in God~~ "as thou, Father, in me" "& I in thee".

[As for Parthe, I suppose it is scarcely possible for any two to be more two]

I How wonderful that a man, betrayed, tracked, hunted, with all his hopes blasted & all his plans destroyed, should be able to speak even at that moment of his "joy" - wish his friends to feel his joy - should share, not in time to come *but* now, his "mastery", (his "brightness") with his friends. Would that I could speak thus! But, on the contrary, now, I should shrink from the thought of any I loved engaging in a life like mine to suffer my sufferings.

But - - - you spoil every thing by

Wellcome (Claydon copies) Ms 9003, microfilm, 1868-69

9003/1 6ff, pen, signed letter [1:570-71]

{printed stationery, but used upside down; arch: Jan-12.68}

a

Dr. Johnson's  
Malvern  
Monday afternoon

My dear Sir Harry

I have only just received  
your kind note.

Let me say first what  
I am sure you know that  
my wishes & prayers &  
my poor blessings are  
with the happy marriage  
to.morrow, not only  
tomorrow, but many  
tomorrows. Had I  
known of it sooner, I  
should have taken the

**b**

liberty of sending flowers-

Do they go to Claydon for  
the honey-moon?-

You are so good as to  
ask me whether you can  
do anything for me: The  
only thing I would trouble  
you to do is to look in  
at 35, & advise Burch  
about.- Mr. Bismark,  
the white Cat, is lost,  
poor fellow!

I have already written  
to her & Mrs. Sutherland  
to advertise for him.

**c**

Do you know whether it is any use putting a description of the beast in these cases in the hands of the Police?- Or does that only make the thieves, if he is stolen, send him out of the neighbourhood, or kill him for his skin? -

Temperance, says with tears in her eyes:- If a stranger has detained him, he (the cat) will "feel it very much".

I have to thank you for a noble brace of pheasants -

**d**

& for Lord Carnarvon's letter - It seems to me sensible. - At all events, I could not act in opposition to his advice. Many, many thanks. When we meet again, I hope, please God, to continue this subject with you.

I can't tell you how much obliged to you I was for your charming note from Embley. My dear father's main interest now is in his cottages. And I

**[5:181]**

**e**

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don't think he does too much. I believe that more moral & physical good is done by improving the *dwelling* of mankind than in almost any other way. And if all the money that is spent on Hospitals were spent on improving the habitations of those who go to Hospitals - and (on Prisons) of those who go to Prison, we should want neither Prisons nor Hospitals.

I feel a little anxious about my dear mother - It was to me so entirely a new idea that both father & mother would not long survive me - that I have only lately resolved that I would not spend another year without seeing her at home. I did think very seriously whether I should not spend this month with her - But I was quite clear in my own mind that it was better & more desirable & more agreeable

for her to have her  
    present pleasant party -  
Will you say to Sir B. Frere  
    (he has called twice at  
    35,) how very much  
    pleased I was - I also  
    at their remembrance  
    of me in sending me  
    Miss Frere's pleasant  
    little New Year's Eve  
    entertainment -

    Should the subject of my  
business *not* come up,  
I would *ask* you not  
to say anything there anent

**h**

to Sir Bartle. But,  
should it come on the  
tapis, e.g. between him  
& my mother, & you  
perceive any misunderstanding  
likely to arise, I should  
be so very much obliged  
to you, if you would  
explain, (as you know  
so well how to do)--

    that *he* does not  
send me business *enough*  
to do -

    it would kill me, if I  
thought that he would  
        not let me do  
        the business  
I have always been in the

[3]

habit of doing for the  
India off: & Sir J Lawrence  
& which has taken so *much more* hopeful  
a turn since Sir Bartle has undertaken it.  
What has happened this  
last year to me is totally  
distinct from the government business -  
which is what I live for.  
[I have got into the habit  
of letting people, e.g.  
the St. John's Council,  
use me in a way  
which does them no  
good & which destroys me.  
I mean, please God, to do  
my best to reform this in my  
life. And so I will say

no more about this at  
present]  
You know that St. John's  
House is broken up.  
Miss Jones & the Sisters  
are to leave (this very  
day their notice expires)  
And from that day  
St. John's House - the  
only Protestant attempt  
to found a good &  
successful Sisterhood in  
the Church of England,-  
comes to an end -  
Without Miss Jones, it

will be just the twaddle  
that all other Sisterhoods  
are (including the North  
London Deaconesses,  
who are twaddles in chief).  
The Council have behaved  
shamefully- & have also  
tried to use me against  
Miss Jones - The Bishop  
has been disingenuous.

I will not enter upon  
the long & melancholy  
history of the fall of this  
great hope - but only  
mention this, because,  
even in my retreat,  
such calumnies against  
Miss Jones reach me.

(Calomniez, calomniez toujours,  
il en reste toujours quelque  
chose.)

ever, dear Sir Harry  
affecly & gratefully yours  
Florence N.

9003/2 1f, pen, signed letter {arch: 1868} bundle 147

My dear Sir Harry Jan 18  
Thank you for letting  
me see Wm Hinton's charming  
letter.

I hope the little boy was  
not much damaged after  
all.

I hardly ever was so  
much touched or pleased  
in my life as by your  
having the little Freds cripples  
to the marriage. So few  
men would have thought  
of it - perhaps hardly any  
one else.

I trust indeed it is such  
a happy marriage both for

time & eternity as is  
 seldom seen  
 I think I shall return some  
 day next week. *That*  
 will only give me 3 weeks  
 before the Session begins.  
*But I shall keep my*  
*return an absolute secret*  
*as long as I possibly can*  
 except from the India Off:  
 ever yours gratefully  
 F Nightingale

Thank you for the Queen's  
 letter. She is an unhappy  
 woman, with great powers  
 not applied.

9003/3 1f, pencil, initialled letter

{printed address}  
 Jenny Dowding desires)  
 me to tell you that )Jan 30/68  
 she is "happy"- )  
 35 South Street,  
 Park Lane,  
 London, W.

Dearest Mum

I think Papa looking  
 extremely well -

I am glad you are  
 going to have Aunt Mai  
 & Uncle Sam -

Jenny Dowding seems  
 happy - & well -

I send an account of  
 her to Mrs. Watson; & also  
 a request that you will  
 take back Mr. Bismark,  
 the white Cat, at least  
 for the present.

ever dearest mum  
 your loving child

F.

9003/4 3ff, incomplete, pen, 2 fragments + envelope + initialled letter

{printed address on stationery}  
{fragment:}

Malvern  
Jan 22/68

Dearest mum

I write in haste, we  
are to be off tomorrow at  
8 30

[fragment:]  
reasons why I pa [cut off]  
with my charwoman,  
I do not wish to have  
a charwoman from  
Thursday till Monday,

{envelope with cancelled stamp, postmarked London 23 Jan 1868:}  
**[1:188-89]**

Mrs. Nightingale  
Embley  
Romsey  
Jan 23/68  
35 South Street  
Park Lane,  
London. W

Dearest mum

We have got back safe,  
as you see - Good Bratby  
came & took us up  
famously.

You will be glad to  
hear that Mr. Bismark,  
the white cat, who was  
lost, took the opportunity  
of coming back too - &  
appeared here to  
receive me.

We have had, to be sure,

the most horrible  
alternatives of the  
most horrible  
weathers at Malvern -  
either fog & frost, for  
which we could not  
see out for the fog  
without - or storms  
for which we could  
not see out for the  
smoke within.

The stay at Malvern  
has quite answered to  
me for the break in my  
work.

This morning I saw the  
hills for the first time,  
(like Caunterets in the  
Pyrenees, as I always  
think them.) But, after  
all, low hills covered  
unequally with snow,  
against an iron grey  
dirty sky, are nearly  
the ugliest objects in  
nature.

I have not been to  
Malvern since A.H.C.  
took me there.

You will see by this  
note a deficiency of

pens & ink. Sidney  
Herbert came to see me  
during that interregnum  
in Old Burlington St.  
When I had my sitting  
room in one house &  
my bed-room in another  
& told his wife that  
it was the first time  
in all his life that he  
had not seen F.N.  
surrounded with  
writing.

So I must conclude  
ever dearest mum  
your loving child

F.

9003/5 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

Jan /68

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

Dear Papa

It is a 'comfort' to me, every time you write to me (provided it is not to ask me to do something) a letter, which you very seldom do. And it would be another to answer you, if work allowed, which it does not each time.

I have been quite unable to write to you sooner.

I now return your **[3:385]**  
"religious philosopher"-  
[I don't know who he is.]

I like your "philosopher".  
But you know I think  
he has only advanced  
the very first step. I take

him, paragraph by paragraph,  
as you (on another sheet) desire

The first Para: would be  
I believe, as nearly true  
as possible - if for "tho'"  
you substituted "because"-  
& omitted "yet"; or read "therefore"  
Surely "laws" even of men,  
even of states, even of  
families, can only be  
"wise, just & benevolent,"  
in exact proportion as  
they are "steady,  
unwavering, inexorable".  
All "steady" laws are not  
"wise"- but no "wise"  
law can be "wise," unless  
it is "steady".  
In this respect the Apostle

James is far beyond your  
"philosopher". For he says,  
as the great attribute of  
God, "in ~~whom~~ Him is no  
variableness neither  
shadow of turning"- in  
the same Epistle in which  
he is constantly impressing  
us with God as a *Father* &  
God as "merciful" etc.  
Let us hope that this is  
a slip of the pen of your  
"philosopher"- this "though."  
Otherwise it would really seem as if he thought  
either "wisdom" or "steadiness" a *defect* in God.  
Page 2 & 3 down to "Universe"  
I agree with - as I agree  
with the first 4  
Propositions of Euclid.  
But the 5th, the Asses'  
Bridge, your "philosopher",

I think has entirely  
 failed to surmount  
*What* is the "vast design"  
 of the "great Spirit of the  
 Universe" but, so far as  
 we know, to "work out".  
 "the happiness &" therefore  
 the "purification" not only  
 "of the species", but of  
 every individual in it.  
 [In this, I think, Christians  
 have been far before  
 philosophers.]  
 If you could see into  
 God's mind, I believe  
 you would see that, if  
 there were but that  
 one individual in the  
 world, the laws of the

[end 3:385]

9003/6 1f, pencil, initialled letter

*Poor Law* Feb 11/68  
 My dear Sir Harry  
 I am sorry that I have  
 so little to say -  
 But I will write again  
 to-night -  
 I think it may interest you  
 to look over again  
 1. Dr. Anstie's letter  
     of December 12  
 (which you have seen)  
 2. Lord Carnarvon's letter  
     to you  
 3. Dr. Anstie's letter  
     of December 21  
 in answer to one of mine-  
 [I did not of course tell him

of Ld. Carnarvon's letter -  
*I think this letter of Dr.*

*Ansties's of December 21*  
a good one]

5. a letter & printed paper  
of Dr. Anstie's of  
January 11-

I have not answered  
Dr. Anstie's letters of  
Dec 21 & Jan 11 -

Please return the whole  
correspondence to me.

I enclose a note of Dr.  
Sutherland's in which  
I agree -

ever yours  
FN.

9003/7 5ff, pencil, initialled letter **[5:153-54]**

*Poor Law* 11/2/68

My dear Sir Harry

In order to do any good, it  
seems that you have to break  
new ground -

1. The principle of entire  
separation of sick

infirm  
lunatics  
children  
&c &c

from paupers

is admitted-

It is admitted by Mr. Hardy's

Act, tho' ~~most~~ imperfectly  
All the sources of squabble

in carrying out that Act  
which were predicted

have actually arisen

One cannot but expect that

a more complete & judicious

way of carrying it out will be found.

But Nobody, I believe, now denies the principle -

Nobody, I believe, now asserts that to cure sickness is to attract Pauperism.

2. But the real new pressing question now=a=days is:-

-What to do with *Pauperism* itself.

Every day's advertisements in the "Times" shows how urgent this question is & how unable every body is to cope with it.

Take the present state of

1. Poor Laws
2. Labour
3. Trades' Unions

What do the Advertisements show?

Poor Law completely broken down.

Private Charity ~~completely~~ worse than broken down & ~~worse~~

for it has increased the evil

"Workhouse Test" completely broken down

Labour Test ditto.

[Not only are they torturing these poor fellows with unproductive labour at unremunerative prices - But this Torture = test is of no avail.

For the Workhouses are overflowing- And the people are starving].

And *the least harm* of the overflowing Workhouse is the burden on the rates

*The worst harm is:-*  
with drawing all these heads & arms from *production*.  
It is the "Workhouse Test".  
(and the want of Education)  
which saddle the country with pauperism.

Then look at Trades Unions:

Take the answers given by these Shipwrights themselves - to the offer of employment on two ships.

These men (knowing that ship-building is an irregular & fluctuating employment)

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pitch their expenditure at, the *maximum* rate of their wages - & then won't take less -

Is it really possible to believe that [~~illeg~~] our Legislators (who are to meet to-morrow) could not - if they laid their heads together - frame an Act by which the individual workman might make & fulfil his bargain (as to wages) with his employer - with an appeal to County Justices or other authorities - (less tedious than the present appeal which is all they have against the tyranny of the Trades' Unions)?

As long as ~~you steal from~~  
a man is deprived of the right over his own labour, his  
power of production, to  
labour where & how he  
likes, you can't call him  
a free man -  
And your political liberties  
are a farce -

As long as your Legislators  
can find no legislative  
remedy against the  
tyranny of Trades' Unions,  
who decree work to be  
judged by quantity, not  
quality, who decree  
that superior quality of  
work shall *not* be paid  
for - the first element  
of liberty is wanting.

For this is:- [~~illeg~~] to steal  
from me my power of  
production.

["Who steals my purse steals  
trash".

But who steals my power of  
production steals all I have.]

3. Is it possible to believe  
that the State could not  
give (at least in times of exceptional  
distress) productive work

at  
remunerative prices  
as in Lancashire-

(NOT as in the "Ateliers  
Nationaux" of France)?

Unproductive work, as given  
now by Guardians- is  
*quite* as great a blunder

as Trades' Unions ever made.

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4. It is so easy talk of the artisans going elsewhere to find work.

That is a talent not possessed by one out of a hundred even of good workmen -

[And certainly we have not attempted to give it them by Education] But where good & clever ~~men~~ gentlemen have found work for them, they have always been ready to take it. All these things every body is talking about-

But, in the face of a Poor Law utterly broken down no one seems to have considered what new, Poor Law is to be built up - ~~FN~~ Such

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Such things as these coming before one day by day. in the newspapers indicate that we cannot go on as we are- that the whole subject of unemployed poor - i.e. of working faculty without the will or means of applying it productively- must be taken up by a Special Commission or Committee which will go into the entire question without prejudice - & tell us what is to be done-

F.N.

9003/8 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Sir Harry?: Feb. 20. 68}

My dear Sir Harry  
 I observe Mr. Rathbone asks me whether the  
 Notices should be put in the Obituary or  
 elsewhere in the papers -  
 What do you think?-

If you can send me your notice for the Pall Mall  
 at once, I will send it with the others -  
 If not, I will send the others without it at  
 once to Mr. Rathbone's Agent in the City -  
 There is time still to get them into tomorrow's  
 Daily Telegraph but not into tomorrow's Times-  
 which requires all}  
 notices by 12 noon} FN.

9003/9 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868} [3:394]

*Private* {on diagonal} Feb 20  
 My dear Sir Harry  
 You know that our darling is  
 dead-  
 I hope that you will return  
 thanks for her at your prayers-  
 For with *her* it is "well".  
 But with us it is terrible-  
 There is so much to be done- We have  
 never an hour to give to recollection  
 Mr. Rathbone has written to me  
 already to know about Successors  
 - & what is to be said to the  
 Nurses - who at first declared  
 they would not stay now she  
 is dead. [This is not so  
 unreasonable as it sounds -  
 No one knows what she has  
 gone through but God & myself -  
 And no one but her could have  
 carried the Nurses with her.  
 I never knew any one like her,

& I never shall again]

The first thing I have to do however is to consult you about the enclosed .

Mr. Rathbone has sent it to me (with a letter to his Agent here) to be put into the "Times" & "Pall Mall-

He authorizes me however to alter it.

I don't think *she* would like it. She was the most really humble person I ever saw -

I know however what his object is. He thinks it will please & encourage her more uneducated followers -

What do you advise?-  
I don't think it would be

amiss in the Liverpool papers  
But I doubt whether it would not look obtrusive in the London ones, especially in the "Pall Mall" which always laughs at every thing  
But I really am not the best judge -

Every word of it is perfectly true-  
ever yours  
F.N.

She appeared quite conscious when she was dying- The Nurse said to her: "You will soon be with your Saviour" And she answered quite calmly "I shall be well there"

F.N.

[end 3:394]

9003/10 1f, pen with pencil revisions, initialled letter/draft {arch: Feb. 21. 1868}

I have not the least idea that "Mrs. Kidd" *will* do for the head.

My dear Sir Harry

I propose to send the enclosed to Mr. Whitfield -

I only send it to you to put you 'au fait'-  
Mr. Whitfield must have time to think -

And I think it will only hurry him for you  
to see him to-day - as you kindly propose -

I propose to send the Messenger into the  
city - 1. to give the Obituary Notices to Mr.  
Rathbone's Agent - [I think I gather that you advise  
*no* Notice to be sent to the "*Pall Mall*"] 2. to beg  
Hy B. Carter to call here- Had I better do this before or after  
sending to St. Thomas?

Please return me my letter to Mr. Whitfield as soon as possible

FN

9003/11 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 21.2.68}

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot tell you what a comfort &  
support your sympathy for *her* work is  
to me.

I don't know that I need trouble you to  
go to St. Thomas' to-day-

I have had a full & well-considered  
opinion from Mr. Whitfield & Mrs. Wardroper.

I have written to Mr. Rathbone both to-day  
& yesterday-

H. Bonham Carter has been here -

And till we have Mr. Rathbone's answer,  
I can do nothing more-

I am now so very much amiss - I had a

great deal of hard writing yesterday- & even  
to.day. But that is all=

We know that it is *well* for our darling -  
And, as for me, I am used to be driven by  
great storms in great ship-wrecks -  
A never-to-be forgotten misery is nothing new -

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

Feb 21

9003/12 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868}

My dear Sir Harry

March 4

I don't know whether you were serious in your kind intention of interceding with Miss Lees or Mrs. Lees-

*But I think it would be better to let it alone for the present .*

Mr. Rathbone & I are going to try another plan to make that Miss Gilpin do -

If this falls thro', I think we shall *then* try to do something with Miss Lees - & call upon you to help us -

I have had from Nice a really heavenly inspired letter from Agnes Jones' mother & sister - breathing

nothing but gratitude for Agnes' happy life & happy death - & hoping that we do not reproach ourselves for her over-work- The sister adds: - as for me, I was so proud of Agnes' work that the sacrifice to me of her sweet society was nothing

ever yours

F.N

9003/13 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [6:284-85]

March 8/68

I return all Papa's letters - except a scrap about Agnes Jones - which I have torn off & which I should like to keep- It is so precious to me, every sympathy with *her* & with her work, who will never return to us, whose like we shall never see again .

I look upon her success as complete, not a partial success-

In less than 3 years- the time assigned for our Saviour's public life - she had done a Saviour's work - She had reduced the most disorderly Hospital population in the world to a state of Christian discipline, which even the

police wondered at. She had carried 80 rather common= place women with her, so as to be one with her- She had converted a Vestry to her views- the first instance of the kind in England- She had disarmed all opposition -- all sectarian zealotism- So that Roman Catholic & Unitarian, High Church & Low Church literally rose up & "called her blessed" (in the Vestry which was held after her death) - a dry old Churchwarden (whom I know) leading the way & making one of the most affecting speeches I ever heard, while moving the resolution of a vote of condolence (no mere form) to her Mother & Sister.

All Roman Catholics & Unitarians, High Church & Low Church, - seemed to have merged their differences in this- that they had seen, in her, *the one true essential* thing & that ceremonial religion is as nothing in comparison.

It is this that I mean by her complete success-

And how did she do it all? She was not a girl of any great ability- excepting that she always had an immense talent for getting through business in a short time, without slurring it & without fid.fadding over it-

She did it simply by the manifestation of the life which was in her- So different from the governing, & the ordering & the driving

about=people principle .

And every body recognized it-  
the paupers - & the day old  
Vestries - & every body- even the  
rascal=Governor.

As for the Nurses, her influence  
with them was quite unbounded.  
They would have died for her.  
Because they always felt that  
she cared for them, not merely  
as instruments for the work,  
but for each one in herself, as her  
Mother & her child in one -  
& not because she cared for  
popularity or praise among  
them - but solely for their  
own well=being-

One of Agnes Jones' own family  
told me that no one ever cared  
less for praise (tho' she was  
graceful & witty & young)-  
I should not say that, because  
I think it was in her an absolute  
zero. She had no care for  
praise in her at all. Ö sancta Agnes,  
'ora pro nobis'-

9003/14 2ff, pen, initialled letter

March 11/68

*Miss Rye*

I can only say about this: that  
I have a great admiration  
for her work - & some for  
her- & that I believe she  
could not go on with her  
work, without some  
pension, or subscription,  
or both - not because  
she "has expended x x. her  
small means," for I don't  
think she ever had any-  
but because she left  
remunerative work to  
take the Emigration work  
& that the means raised  
for this are exhausted -

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x x. But this is my belief only -  
I am not certain of it.  
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Next: as to myself:- I feel  
it rather ill-natured of me

to say it, but my failing health  
compels me - It is quite  
impossible for me to be  
referred to about things  
alien to my work - Miss  
Rye & her friends don't  
help me in my work - I  
am at this moment fainting  
for want of a Successor  
to Agnes Jones- But they  
are always expecting me  
to help her (Miss Rye) in  
hers -

I did help her-

She was perpetually writing  
home to me from Australia  
about Lunatic Asylums -  
And I did what I could -  
(tho' I knew nothing about  
her)

She & her friends then took  
advantage of this (just now)

to ask me to receive & ask  
 Subscriptions for her .  
 Also about this Queen's Pension-  
 I said I was totally unable -  
 But I subscribed - to the  
 Subscription -

I feel that, while ladies  
 are letting such as Agnes  
 Jones die of hard work,  
 & no one ever offers us  
 the smallest personal help,  
 - it is wholly a prostitution  
 of terms for them to come  
 to *me* & take up a little  
 more of my hard- worked  
 strength -as Miss Rye's  
 lady- friends do - all of  
 which I want for my own  
 duties - too large already.

=. The Co-operative Groceries are  
 not come - And this is  
*Wednesday* afternoon - two  
 whole days from the time  
 you kindly took my Order -  
 Ought I to do anything? -  
 =

Mr. Jowett stays with the  
 G. Lushingtons next Sunday -  
 He says - Parthe asked him  
 to luncheon - And he would  
 gladly join you at luncheon  
 next Sunday -

He is coming to give me  
 the Sacrament at 3- Would  
 you or Parthe or both like to  
 come? -

ever yours gratefully  
 F.N.

9003/15 2ff, pen, signed letter

[16:698]

March 17/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have been asked to obtain your help about this.

This Quarantine enquiry, if granted, will either do much good or much harm -

The *Commission* should consist of Merchants

Sanitarians and a Lawyer or two.

The *Instructions* should state clearly that the object is to obtain facts & evidence as to the practice of Quarantine, its grounds and results - and finally the

measures which (in the Commissioners' opinion) would mitigate or prevent the out break of Epidemic diseases at sea=ports and on board ship .

~~[If the affair is conducted as the Cattle Plague Commission was, the country will be ruined:]~~

You will see that some of the best names in the Medical profession are among the signatures - & the M.P.s for Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh, London etc -

The point is now to get good men for this *Commission* - & good *Instructions* -

The Duke of Marlborough has appointed *to-day* at *one o'clock* to receive the Deputation at the Privy Council Office .

The appointment of so ~~to~~ early a day is considered a favourable symptom - as to the probability of the Duke's granting the prayer of the Memorial.

I should be glad to do anything, as I moved for both the Army Sanitary & Indian Army R. Commissions, if I could be of any use - I mean as to writing "Instructions" or looking out for men -

[end]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9003/16 3ff, pen, signed letter [6:286] [1:189-90]

{printed address} March 27/68  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London W.

Dearest mum

I have been intending to write & thank you every successive week for your dear letters - but have never been able - You are almost the only person who ever write to me except to ask me for something.

I am very sorry not to hear that you have been free from spasms - I was in hopes that this splendid spring would have exempted you, dearest mum, from these .

Jenny Dowding is going on very well. She is always a little tearful about Embley when I see her, but she is well & active, clever at her

work, cheerful & good=tempered.

And even Burch has  
always a good word  
for her. She has a wistful  
look about her eyes, which  
betokens either sensitiveness  
or delicacy of health. And I  
wish I could see more of  
her - just as I wish I had  
more time to write to you.

But "you have no idea how  
"I am overworked" the very  
words dear Agnes Jones, of the  
Liverpool Workhouse, wrote  
to me but 16 days before her  
death. The whole work  
of finding her a successor  
has fallen upon me. And,  
in addition, as Harry B.C.  
says, they appear to  
expect me "to manage the

Workhouse from my bed-room."

I believe we have found a  
woman at last to take her  
place - the younger of two  
Sisters, the elder of whom  
we have been training as  
Matron for Sir W. Heathcote's  
new Winchester Hospital.

But I am not allowed to  
mention her name yet -  
as she is still in Government  
employment under Sir  
Walter Crofton.

But she is no more like to  
Agnes Jones "than I to  
Hercules."

I don't think anything in  
the course of my long life  
has ever struck me so much  
as the dead lock we have  
been placed in by the death  
of one pupil - as combined,

you know, with the enormous  
jaw, the female ink which  
England pours forth on  
"Woman's work."

Dear Hilary used to say that  
my demand upon my  
country was:- a young woman  
with a head.

And that is just what, it  
appears, does not exist.  
At least, if she has a  
head, it all runs to pen &  
ink.

It used to be said, that people  
gave their *blood* to their  
Country

Now, they give their *ink*.

It is impossible to describe  
the heavenly way in which  
Agnes Jones' Mother & sisters  
have behaved to us.

But they Agnes Jones' mother & sister will not let Mr.  
Rathbone put up Tenerani's  
statue to her memory.

You know, he ought never  
to have asked them.

He wants me to persuade them  
- I can't.

He does not see (few people  
do) the awful character of  
the sacrifice they have  
made to God's work.

And, humanly speaking, it  
might have been avoided.

She might have been alive now.

They can only say: we gave  
her for God's work - God  
keeps her memory. If you  
say, you want a statue to  
keep her memory, that is  
your affair, not ours.

People who *can* make such  
a sacrifice are not those

who care for memorials.

If it were to be done, it  
ought to have been done  
without asking their leave.

If they had been people to  
have given it, they would not  
have been people to make  
that awful sacrifice -  
ever dearest mum  
your loving child

F.

I have seen Papa- I think  
him looking remarkably well.

[end 1:190]

9003/17 1f, pen, initialled note {arch: [?1868]} [1:336]

Easter Sunday

Dearie

Temperance is very much shut up with  
me -

And I should much have liked her to  
go to Westm - Abby this afternoon -

If her brother is going with you, could you  
take her too with the carriage? -  
to hear the Dean -

F.

9003/18 1f, pen?, unsigned letter

{printed address}

*N. Fund* April 18/68

35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I send you 3 answers to me

1. from Lady Mary Vyner
2. " Miss Campbell
3. " Miss Wilson -

If you could read them over with Parthe &  
return them to me, I should be  
much obliged.

I think they are all very good  
ones -

But what I want to ask you  
is- would you, if you were  
I, accede to Miss Wilson's  
request about the "Monthly  
Packet"? I don't know  
what she is likely to write -  
And I think it is actually more  
trouble to me looking over  
other people's productions than

writing myself(?)

Is not the "Monthly Packet" edited by Miss Yonge? - I should have thought it was of all periodicals the one least "read by gentlemen". & most by the flimsiest sort of Ritualistic lady (?) -

But I don't know - It is well to spread one's nets to catch all kinds of fish- I am glad she is convinced

about Mr. Bowman's Miss Jones(?) - From all parts of Great Britain

I hear the same story - "Entirely "distorted versions had reached us" And I shall hear the same from India.

I return Mr. Palfrey with many thanks. It is a very good letter - But I entirely disagree about Ld. Palmerston's "promptitude" in the Canadian Expn. in 1861 (on which I was employed.) I believe it saved us from an American War

9003/19 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Ap: 1868.} [13:607]

*Miss Jones & St. John's Council*- Monday

My dear Sir Harry

If you would be so good as to re-model the last page/sheet of my letter to Miss Wilson, I will re-write it any way you like -

I would *rather* it were with as little feeling & as business-like as possible - And therefore I am glad that you should do it & not I, if you will be so good -

But, as Miss Wilson asked about it, the truth is that, in a place like Rugby, I *wish* the facts of the case to be spread about -

The case is a very serious one indeed: - I am told by persons who entirely disbelieve the story of the Council & deeply regret it, & who are themselves, Low Church - that, while the present stories are circulated against Miss Jones, it is vain to think of trying to get her into any London Workhouse

I was told the same thing by Mr. Rathbone, for Liverpool- He added: I know & love & value Miss Jones - I have quoted her by name, as you know, in all my pamphlets. But

"I find it vain even to contradict the lies that are circulated against her -

And this, altho' Manchester employs at *its* Workhouse the 'All Saints' Sisters, who are ten times more High Church than Miss Jones

I am told (on the authority of the present Supt. of Kings Coll: Hospl. herself) that, were Miss Jones to take a Hospital, all Miss Jones' Nurses would go to her, & *she* (the Supt.) would not have a Nurse left -

ever yours

F.N.

Mr. Bowman forgot himself so far as to tell me (with his own lips) that he intended to *prevent* Miss Jones from obtaining employment at certain Hospitals.

I therefore can hardly be said to think too much about the present state of things & its danger.

[end]

9003/20 1/2 2ff, pen, signed letter {arch: [1868]}

May 8 7.30 am

My dear Sir Harry

You must have thought me very ungrateful not to have answered your kind invitation before -

But I have been so pressed -

I don't at all give up the idea of going to Claydon for a short time- And I shall so enjoy the entire peace & rest - & the having a remembrance of your Claydon in my mind for future days -

But it would have been impossible for me to have left London this week -

Among other severe pressures is Liverpool **[6:288-89]** Workhouse - Our Assistant Superintendent, a young woman of 28, who has been there barely 2 months, Mrs. Kidd, has sickened (& by every post I expect to hear of her death)-

[Dreadful pestilential place! just what a place always comes to, which has been overcrowded for years, on however healthy a site. They are killing all

our best people - And how we are to go on I don't know. This Mrs. Kidd, tho' not a divine genius, like Agnes Jones - very far from it - was a thoroughly honest woman - And one must have knocked about the world as I have to know what that means]

I could not be out of an hour's (by Messenger) reach of Mrs. Wardroper while this miserable affair is pending - even were there not other very serious things.

I think it possible (Parthe says she will go to Claydon on June 4 or 5) that I might go there according to your most kind invitation about Saturday or Friday next (16 or 15) & stay till the Monday week (25).

Even that would be a great holiday for me, *if I give any address to nobody.*

I should take Tom: And if you wished to ~~spare~~ save Susan, I could take another maid - No kind of preparation need be made for me - beyond putting the sheets on. ~~the~~ However there is time enough to talk of that - I am not gone yet -

2. If you could give me the political prospects, I would gladly tell Sir I Lawrence, to whom I am writing to-day .

3. Pray consider, if your house is let, whether you cannot make use of this - There is the bed=room over me - & the Dining=room, of which you could have the almost exclusive use - [So few men come here now -] And it would give me so much pleasure if I could make you comfortable-[I have not many pleasures -] It is not that kind of thing which tires me-

4. I hope Emily is not the worse for this exceedingly trying May -

5. Do you know anybody who would care to go to the enclosed thing?  
I should like to hear the boys sing -

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9003/20 2/2 typed synopsis of note

9003/21 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:335-36]  
to F.P.V. 1866

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Revd. Mother of Bermondsey  
has been dangerously ill  
with Pleurisy & Fistula.

[Mrs. Bracebridge says  
Manning will kill her]

All my Embley things,  
including flowers, have  
recently passed to her.  
-besides Gunter's Turtle  
Soup. She understands  
that I shall never  
forgive her, unless she  
becomes as fat as a  
Lord Mayor with time  
& soup.

I should much like  
a box of *Flowers* &  
*Strawberries* on Whit Monday  
(for myself)- large

quantities of Azaleas,  
yellow & white, [I  
can't complain, this  
time - of the red  
Rhododendrons - beauties  
have been sent me -  
lilac ones I hate.]

We can't get any  
strawberries in London  
- they are either so dear - &  
or not to be had at  
all.

I have got the  
Turner *Orvieto* photo:  
from Colnaghis', which

is what I wanted to give  
 you, dear Pop, on your  
 birth-day. It is the  
 finest specimen of  
 a Turner I know.  
 It is not mounted.  
 But, if you like it, I  
 will have it mounted.  
 And the *Provisional*  
 Turner I sent you  
 I would just as lief  
 keep for myself-

I always have *peculiar*  
 reminiscences of Embley  
 on Whitsunday - I hardly  
 know why - but I

believe it is the Azaleas  
 ever your  
 F.

9003/22 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:192]

May 13/68  
 35 South Street, {printed address}  
 Park Lane,  
 London. W.

Dearest mum

It has been a dreadful  
 disappointment - not  
 to hear from you to.day  
 or yesterday - & not even  
 to have the weekly  
 flowers. or things, from you.

It is the first birth=  
 day I have ever had  
 without hearing from  
 my dearest mum -

And indeed I may

say that, except one  
Tuesday, I have heard  
from you every Tuesday  
I have been so terrified -  
I don't think I ever  
was so frightened in  
all my life.  
But I have just received  
Watson's telegraph -  
for which God be  
thanked. I can write no more.  
    ever dearest mum  
    your loving child  
    F.

{not in FN hand}  
One of those  
miserable lapses  
of memory to which  
I am so subject  
& perhaps the  
worst

May /68

{not in F.N.'s hand, arch:}  
no reason whatever for this terrible  
excitement of FN's

9003/23 2ff, pen, initialled letter

May 15 {arch: 1868}  
35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry  
    I am sorry you are not  
coming to me -  
    But I always want you  
to do exactly as you like best -  
    How would it do to split  
the difference & for you to  
come half the time to  
Lady Lucy & half the time  
to me?--  
    No answer needed to this.  
At any time I have nothing  
to do but to order clean  
sheets to be put on -  
    With old fashioned house

keepers like me, it is a  
vanity to have a house so  
clean as never to require  
cleaning for a guest -  
I would have a latch key made to the  
door -  
I hope you will *always*  
order you dinner here  
when convenient -

I do not think there is the  
least chance of my going to  
Claydon, thank you much. And  
the reason I mention  
this now is that, as all

your servants are there,  
& Whitsuntide approaching,  
you will probably make  
some use of the house  
yourselves -

Do you know whether Mrs-  
Wardroper was presented  
to the Queen on Wednesday?-  
Do you know whether our  
Nurses & Probationers could  
see the Stone=laying or see  
the Queen pass on that day?  
ever yours  
FN

9003/24 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

May 18/68

My dear Sir Harry

I dare say you have heard that our Nurses [13:417]  
arrived quite safe at Sydney on March 5 -  
were conducted straight to Govt. House (by Lady  
Belmore's own desire) & were received there with  
great kindness -

- within a week of their arrival signalized their  
usefulness by taking Prince Alfred in charge,  
- and we come in for a share of the honour of his  
rapid recovery.

I have heard from all the Sydney authorities -  
And I understand that Lord Belmore has  
written home to the D. of Buckingham with my  
name at full length. But he of Buckingham  
vouchsafes me no word - [end]

I trust that the present Ministers have  
not suffered *much* fatigue from the civilities  
which they have shown me during the last 2  
years- Or that, if they have, they will "go  
out" soon enough to enable them, with care &  
attention, to recover.

Perhaps you can re-assure my mind on this  
point.

2. I hope you have let your house to your  
satisfaction - I do not know to whom? -
3. How well I remember the noble old 4th. -  
You see how they have signalized themselves, all  
fainting with thirst as they were! - at Magdala.
4. Remember I depend upon you to order  
your dinner here - Otherwise I shall be  
sending 4 times a week to ask - I only  
want you to do exactly as you like -

ever yours  
F.N.

9003/25 2ff, pen, initialled letter

*Constantinople. Consul= General's letter*

1. It is no matter of "telegraphing"-

Had they not better tell us to send the Nurses  
"by telegraph"?

What do they suppose the Nurses are doing when  
they are *not* sent for, who are thus to be sent  
out at a few days' notice? -

This is a matter upon which we are now compelled  
to speak very plainly.

If they cannot get Aladdin's lamp to build them  
an Institution in a few days, neither have we  
Aladdin's lamp to create Nurses in a few days .

If they can get Nurses from other Institutions at  
a moment's notice, we are very glad .

[There is one Institution which I had rather not  
name farther than by saying that it advertises  
in the "Times" every day - which takes all  
our dismissed Nurses, without asking or  
receiving characters from us, & advertises  
them again as "ready" at a moment's notice].

2. [Were it not that the Consul= Genl. particularly,  
asks for my "advice" & "suggestions", I should beg entirely  
to decline this part of the subject] But: -

as he does: -

A Word of Advice to those about to introduce  
women into a Hospital of the kind described:  
*Don't.*

The Hospital, as described by the Consul=Genl., partakes closely of the character of a *Regimental* Hospital - to which I have always steadily refused, throughout my Nursing life, to send any of our Trained Nurses .

Reasons:-

"Average No. of Patients: 15- Maximum 40 -

"Venereal diseases most common.

"Cases (surgical & other) not generally severe"-

This is exactly the run of cases in a Regimented Hospital -

Now, what is the use of wasting "a superior Sister" and a "thoroughly capable Nurse" on such cases as these? -

They are much better in the hands of men - especially of *sea-men*, who are capital Nurses.

It requires a woman of the very highest stamp of character to be Matron in such an exposed, thankless situation as this -- unsupported by the large Nursing Staff of a General Hospital - And I need not say that such a woman we should not place in such a situation, out of which nothing can come - the sphere of the work cannot be much extended. No Nurses can by [be?] trained there - Such a woman we should place at the head of a large Workhouse or

General Hospital, with a Training-School under her-

3 (and I am afraid I shall give much offense here)

No respectable woman fit to be a "superior Sister" could be found to go on such terms as these, *not* for *any* salary:-  
viz. to "hold office at (a man's) will & pleasure" but "herself bound to stay with" him - & also to be "under the immediate order of the Medical man"-  
Of course we "bind" her for a period of years-  
Of course this is terminable on both sides-  
Of course she is subject to & "under the immediate orders of the Medical man" in *Medical* things -

But the Medical man must have no "orders" to give whatever in the internal discipline of the two women - The Surgeon *must not* be Matron nor the Matron Surgeon-

And the "Nurse" must be entirely under the control as to disciplinary matters, of the "Sister"-

Both must be, of course, under the general control of some constituted authority - which may be the Consul=Genl., or a very small Committee named by the Consul=Genl. -

but not to be on the terms proposed by the C.G. at all. The C.G. may die or leave - And then

what becomes of the poor women?-

4. This is the time of year at which we take in Probationers at St. Thomas' Hospital for our Training=School -

And of course many are rejected for no reason which at all touch their morality but who do not come within our conditions -

I have two now in my eye (one of whom has already been in the East) who

might possibly suit the Consul=Genl. tho' I exceedingly question whether they will take what is in fact a small Venereal Hospital I would not -

I will immediately send off to Mrs. Wardroper, if you approve, to enquire of her

This is the only way I can serve the Consul Genl.

F.N.

June 8/68

N.B. I may mention that we might have at this moment 146 women in India in twos, in the manner proposed by the C.G., if we considered this a desirable kind of plan.

FN

9003/26 2ff, incomplete, pen and pencil?, unsigned letter/draft

Mr. Carr - June 9/68  
re Miss Osburn

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

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose you H. Bonham Carter's opinion -

Please return me his note-  
I have sent him all the papers about this unfortunate printed letter to-day - & suggested that he should see you to-morrow, if possible - after having read the

[contd not in FN hand, not leg]

9003/27 1f, pen, initialled letter

{printed address} June 10/68  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

A thousand and a thousand thanks -

You are a magician-

It is an unspeakable relief to me both that Mr. Carr  
will withdraw those printed copies -  
& that he understands the matter in a  
business-like way (&not in a rude &  
insolent way)- the donkey!

No one but you could have effected this -

I shall write to Miss Osburn (whom I am sorry,  
really, for) in the lightest possible tone - not  
making any bug=bears -

But, had you not effected this, I felt it was  
quite on the cards that there might be a regular  
split- the end of which would have been  
the extinction of Miss Osburn's usefulness &  
of our Nursing Staff - and quite a storm -

It was quite a night=mare to me-  
Many, many thanks- & again many thanks -

The donkey!! the donkey!!! the donkey!!!!

ever yours

F.N.

9003/28 2ff, pen, signed letter with envelope, cancelled one penny stamp postmark: London Ju 13 68} [1:192]

June 13/68 {printed address}  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London, W.

Dearest mum

I am always writing to you *in my heart*. But if you knew what the turning of life's heavy wheel of daily business is to me- And so much of it comes to me merely from the laziness or cowardice of men.

But now I must write to you to remind you that this is my dearest mum's Golden Wedding. either June 15 or June 18

- which is it?- 1868.

I am going to write more at length. But to.day it is impossible.

I believe it is better altogether for the country that I should have had my life. And therefore I will thank God & you for it - tho' I am not quite sure that, if He had asked me, I could have accepted it.

But that is cowardly!

ever my dearest mum's  
loving child  
F.

{envelope:}

Mrs. Nightingale  
Embley  
Romsey

{inside flap of envelope}  
Golden Wedding day 50 years/68

9003/29 4ff, pen, initialled letter [1:264-65]

June 13/68

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

Dear Papa

I write to you to remind  
you that this is your  
Golden Wedding=Year.

On June 15 or 18, 1868,  
(which is it?) you will  
have been married 50  
years.

There is a letter of  
Bunsen's to his wife,  
on the anniversary of *his*  
Wedding Day, which I  
think is worth all the  
rest of the book put  
together:-

"Our pilgrimage is now in  
the *downward vale* of  
life: let us try to secure  
*frequent moments of*  
*solemn consecration,*  
of taste for the higher  
consciousness, which  
presupposes leisure  
& repose" x x x

"With you I desire ever  
more & more to share  
the highest reach of  
spirituality x x x  
to find the response  
to my better self x x

"I pray to be enabled to  
 see more clearly & that  
 the way may be shown  
 me x x x

think over our life" x x

I wish I could copy  
 for you the whole letter,  
 which ought, I think, to  
 form part of an  
 Anniversary Wedding  
 Service.

The tragedy of *my* life  
 is so deep that I must  
 put off writing to you  
 about this.

I hope to see you on the  
 "26th., 27th., 28th.," as you  
 propose - you & "the  
 boy."

Oh dear Papa - ~~you~~ "ye  
 "gentlemen" & ladies "of  
 "England who sit at  
 "home at ease"- does  
 it appear to you that  
*that* was the moment  
 (when my "Una" was  
 hardly cold in her  
 grave) to say that  
 she was gone to  
 "harder work"? What

I had to say to the women  
 of England was: Why  
 did she die?- *Because*  
*you would not help*  
*her.*

If I mistake not, the  
 passage you object to  
 was this: "let her not,  
 "merely 'rest in peace',  
 "but let hers be the  
 "life to stir us up to  
 "fight the good fight  
 "against &c &c &c ".  
 That sentence I would

repeat, if I could,  
 like a street preacher,

to all those lazy, selfish  
women in carriages  
whom I see blocking  
up the Park at this  
moment before my  
eyes, *who killed her-*  
- not tell them that  
*she* is gone to "harder  
work."

And as for myself, I  
am so ~~over~~ weary &  
heavy-laden that, if  
the next existence  
for me were that of  
an owl, so that I

could live for 100 years  
at rest, without  
any men throwing  
their business upon  
me which they  
ought to do themselves,  
I should be glad.

At this moment I  
am days & weeks in  
arrears -

So must close - but  
shall be ever, dear Pa,  
Your loving child  
F.

I will write if I can, so  
that you shall have it on  
your Golden Wedding.

9003/30 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868.}

Miss Osburn June 15

My dear Sir Harry

I should not trouble  
you with this - but that  
it seems almost vital  
to the Sydney Nurses' existence

The only thing which I  
should ask of you to do *now*  
is what H.B.C. suggests:  
- to ascertain from Mr.  
Carr whether he *has*  
recalled *all* the printed  
copies -

I have a letter from the  
Sydney authorities by last  
mail. still praising the  
Nursing Staff - but  
complaining of Miss Osburn's  
delicacy of health - [I am

far from thinking - that this  
may not possibly be our best  
(& last) resource - viz.  
that she should resign on  
account of ill-health.]

Please return me the  
two enclosures

F.N.

9003/31 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:193]

{printed address} June 17/68  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

Dearest mum

Tho' you have taken no  
notice of my filial invitation  
to tell me when your  
Golden Wedding day is -  
yet the day occupies too  
much of my thoughts for  
me not to write again.

Would that I had  
something worthy to give  
my dearest mum on her  
Golden Wedding= Day.  
But I have not. I can  
only give her my life- i.e.  
the record of my life. So  
I send the List of my  
poor little "works" which

you asked for & took away  
when last you were here -  
(would you believe it - but  
I have never had time to  
make out this List before)  
And you must please take  
that, being all my works,  
and my "Una" in "Good Words",  
as written for your  
Wedding Day by  
my dearest mum's  
ever loving child  
F

9003/32 2ff, pen?, initialled letter [1:266-67]

June 17/68

Dear Papa

Though you have not vouchsafed me any communication as to what day is your Golden Wedding- yet I resume mine.

My life is & always has been such a tragedy- if by tragedy you mean the combat - of the man's soul with destiny -

- of course I don't believe in destiny - but I have no objection to say: - the powers of evil - only that we believe the Gods are with us - the ancients and a great many moderns believe the Gods are against us in the struggle with powers of evil.

But I have not borne a high part in this tragedy I have been & am so dragged to pieces with small conflicting claims - which obscure & fritter away the great end & story of the tragedy -

And the power of resistance which I was always sadly deficient in is - you can't think, how much diminished by illness -

Mr. Jowett's life is ~~at~~ a tragedy in the highest sense- But then he takes so much

nobler a part in it ~~than I do~~ -

And then I am a wreck, stranded, oh  
these many years on the rocks, And at  
short intervals there comes a storm, and  
my ship is driven again with a great  
bump upon the rocks, parting amidships  
a little more than before-

I have always lost my main friend or  
fellow-worker just when his or her  
presence seemed most essential to  
carry on the work -

Mr. Jowett's life is a tragedy - a perpetual  
struggle with destiny .

But then there is so much of the heroic  
element in it .

I often wonder that people don't look more  
at Christ's life from that side- as the  
grandest tragedy & heroic life that ever  
was - [But all *that* is spoilt by the  
muz & maze they are in about the  
Atonement]

I think what is discouraging in the world  
as it is - is the absolute want of the  
tragic or the heroic element in most  
lives, especially in our family & class-

I do not believe there is the least struggle -  
or the least consciousness of the need of any  
struggle- *for the world* - there may be a  
little for themselves, to be good=tempered &c.  
There is not either the least consciousness of the  
struggle when they see it in others -  
I have heard Mr. Jowett & Dean Stanley  
likened to one another -  
Now, in the life of the first, there *is* the  
tragedy, the heroic element -  
In the life of the second there is not the  
faintest trace of the heroic side He is  
incapable of bearing the slightest part in  
a tragedy-  
His own comfort- to be comfortable in this  
world & *the next*- is the moving principle  
of most men -

A thousand thanks for the payment of the Rates  
for this year Up to Lady Day & July - &  
also for the last year -  
This is truly a beautiful house --  
ever dear Pa  
your loving child F.

9003/33 1f, pen, signed letter

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

My dear Sir Harry  
Miss Rye is always to be heard of  
at Mrs. Fynes Webber  
Chevening  
Sevenoaks

or at  
Miss Rye's Office  
20 John Street  
Adelphi  
W.C.

I am rejoiced to think of the Queen's  
Liberality to Miss Rye - whom I believe  
to have done good service to her country.  
& greatly to heed this liberality, in order to  
continue such ever yours  
good service.

F. Nightingale

June 22/68

9003/34 1f, pen, initialled letter

Lord Shaftesbury

25/6/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have written & send for your criticism such a letter as you appear to desire - tho' I never should have done so without your wish -

It occurred to me:-

shall we ask Ld. Shaftesbury to be on our "Council"?

[You know poor Sir John Liddell is dead - & we have not filled his place -]

I should not like Ld. S. to be on our Committee of Management because he knows nothing about it - & has not time to learn -

But what should you think of asking him to be on our Council?-

It is more for his sake than ours -

If he chooses to be Chairmen of the Meeting of this wretched "blind ass"- as Theodore would call it - it is a pity that he should not know something of the principles on which alone Nurses can be trained - We *must not* be identified with the "blind ass"-

F.N

9003/35 1f, pencil, initialled note {arch: June 1868} bundle 132

Could you kindly just look at the 2 papers enclosed?- & return them all to me?

The question is this:-

it seems almost cruel for me to write to Miss Osburn about this when 4 months *must* elapse before she can do anything - to stop it - unless something could be done with Mr. Carr in the mean time to call in these printed copies of letters -

But *I* could do nothing - with him if I tried - He has always behaved to all of us as if Miss Osburn went out as his cousin- Not our [illeg] nurse. In [illeg] haste. [too faint]

FN

9003/36 1f, pen, initialled note {arch: June 1858, bundle 132 blue paper}

Dearie

If you will drive back  
round this way, so as to  
let me know that the  
beau Sabreur is properly  
married, & to let me  
see your pretty things,  
for a few minutes,  
(I suppose it will  
not be before 3 or  
after 5) I will  
hang the India Office  
during that time -

F.

Thurs:

9003/37 1f, pen, initialled note arch: June 1868}

*Sir Harry*

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

I should like to send  
my "Una" in "Good Words"  
to Ld. Shaftesbury -

Would you kindly do  
this?- Or shall I?

He is going all astray on  
the Nursing questions

F.N

9003/38 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: ?1868}

Dearie

I am afraid that it is quite impossible to  
me to see them either now or at any other time -

1000 thanks for the moveable picture stand -  
Is it not rather an unusual shape for a  
print? - or do you double it in somehow? -

I was a little disappointed not to hear  
from Papa or Mama, tho' I wrote to them both,  
on their Golden Wedding-Day Did they  
say anything about it to you? -

Please

9003/39 1f, pen, unsigned letter/note/draft {arch: June/July 1868}

*Lord Shaftesbury's letter*

1000 thanks -

I will return it -

You know the Meeting of Genl. Lawrence's Society  
(which is to be presided by Ld. S. on the 30th)  
includes all the principles we most do  
deprecate-

Could you read & return to me the enclosed  
letters?

I think Hy B.C. quite right in not going -

I have been consulted by Genl. L.- beyond  
my strength -

I have always replied -

We find it quite impossible to indoctrinate  
them with right principles (or with any  
principles at all)

Yet they put my name on the top of their  
Report - which I compelled them to  
take off-

I have not really anything more to say

than I have said in my "Una" -

I am quite determined not to be  
quoted at their Meeting

as H.B.C. says  
in their favour -

But I will think as to what can  
be said to Ld. Shaftesbury

The fact is:-

the name of "Protestant Nursing  
Society" will *take* anywhere-

And not one of these men know *anyone*  
of the principles or conditions on  
which a Nursing Society depends  
for its efficiency.

9003/40 2ff, pen, initialled letter

2 July/68  
35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for  
your note. But you  
do not say what day  
you will come here .

Under this uncertainty,  
I think I will fix  
*Tuesday* for my coming  
to Lea Hurst. Indeed  
I can't wind up business  
sooner.

This house shall be  
quite ready for my  
dearest mum- either

Tuesday - or as soon  
after as possible  
- the sooner the better.

If you still send Watson  
to me on *Saturday*, it  
will have this advantage  
for me that he will  
order the Invalid Carriage  
for me - which otherwise  
I have to order in my  
own name - which I  
never do, if I can  
help it.

I take Temperance with  
me to Lea Hurst - and  
Papa tells me that  
you wish me to take

Jenny too - and that  
you will bring a  
housemaid with you  
here.

This is, of course, as you  
like.

Please tell Watson to  
write to me, if he  
comes on Saturday -  
and by what train -  
also, if he brings a  
housemaid with him.  
to go on to Lea Hurst.

I trust, dearest Mum,  
that you will not  
stay long in London  
but will come on soon

to Lea Hurst. I long to see  
you-

Do not, please, send  
me the weekly box,  
unless indeed you  
come yourself on  
Tuesday, when it may  
be useful.

I kiss your hands -  
ever, dearest mum  
Your loving child  
F.

9003/41 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter [12:129-30]

July 5/68

35 South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Would you look at Lord  
Shaftesbury's two letters &  
my proposed reply?

I do not think it would  
be well to urge him  
farther - to be on my Council-

I have paid the tribute  
to him of asking him  
whom I admire -

But I think I should  
do some things he would  
not like - if on my Council.

I don't like Genl.  
Lawrence's bad Nurses,  
because they are good  
Protestants -

And I shan't dislike  
Miss Jones' good Midwives,  
because she is a Ritualist.

We have already Ld.  
Shaftesbury's support in  
doing what he can to  
induce these people, (the  
Genl. Lawrence set) to a  
more rational course -

I don't know that we  
should ask him for  
more - Our end is answered.

But I should be  
exceedingly sorry if he

were to take my letter  
as not *caring* to have  
him - now -

What do you think?

ever yours

F.N.

[end 12:130]

9003/41 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 7/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I go to-day to Lea Hurst -  
I am fairly worn out -  
My mother comes, I *hope*, to this house to-morrow  
& follows to Lea Hurst in the course of a week.

If you or Parthe can make any use of this  
house, I need not say: Pray do -

I give my address to *no one*- I say,  
I am gone, to Ephesus, much preferring the  
fighting with the wild beasts there than here.

If every body is to know where to find  
me, I am lost-

ever yours

F.N.

Many thanks about Ld. Shaftesbury

I quite agree

9003/43 1f, pen?, signed letter

Lea Hurst

Matlock

35 South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane,

W.

July 13/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have not written, because you are quite sure that I shall feel myself "honoured" by Mr. Fred: Verney's stay "beneath my humble roof"- - if while my mother remains, she will like it all the better - He can have the "Green Bed-room" (the one over mine) & the Dining-room to himself- if you will tell Burch - Or I will write & tell her, if you wish it, Jane (the little cook) will be proud to cook for him (& his friends, if he likes it).

I think he deserves the greatest credit for going to Amerika - My introductions will not be distinguished ones, I am afraid - But such as I have, "give I thee" - i.e. I will send

(in haste)

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9003/44 2ff, pen, signed letter

Lea Hurst  
Matlock

July 25/68

My dear Sir Harry

I was somewhat aghast at your wish for "introductions" for Mr. Fred - from me -  
1. because, tho' I have "lovers & friends" in Amerikay, they are all at home *in a drawer* - And I don't remember the names of my "lovers" much less their addresses  
2. because I have *never seen any* of them!!  
Of course they are all very estimable people - very - But perhaps they may be like Mr Chadwick or the Town Clerk - And I am afraid Mr. Fred would not be ravished by the society of Mr. C- or the Town Clerk -  
With this proviso, I have done what, I can - & send the results.

You see, I am afraid, not one of them is at all political, like e.g. Mr. Sumner, or "in society", like e.g. Mr. Appleton (who is, I believe, now in England with Mr. Longfellow, his brother=in=law)

And pray remember that, as a careful

Aunt, I don't vouch for one of the men, whose names I inclose - All have corresponded with me & send me Books & Reports - And that is all I know of them  
Suppose they should be poisoners & burners in disguise, (like that very respectable Professor at Boston (?) who killed & burnt his dearest friend)-!?

Mr. & Mrs. Hill, of Athens, are now at New York - collecting money for 500 Cretans they have to provide for, in the Agora School=house at Athens!

I have told my Burch (& Jane the cook) to provide for Mr. Fred at 35 when he comes -

Pray thank Mrs. Verney for her most kind note

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9003/45 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

[13:277]

Lea Hurst

Aug 29/68

Matlock

My dear Sir Harry

Harry B.C. has confided to me the very disagreeable business of sending you these very disagreeable papers - belonging to our Leeds business.

I send you 6 enclosures.

Harry B.C. asks you to read them - & then return them to him.

He will be back from Scotland about Sept. 18. Mr. Bowman will be back in London about the same time -

And as soon after that as possible, Harry B.C. wishes to have a Committee on this Leeds business.

Indeed, but for the impossibility of getting together a Committee, there ought to have been one to rebut these Leeds accusations immediately. They will do us a great deal of harm.

But what can we say? -

Miss Dinsdale was not a suitable

candidate to have received.

An unsuitable person is sent to be trained.

Mrs. Wardroper tries her best.

The person remains unsuitable- and is clever enough to see that, as she will be rejected and as this will damage her, her only plan is to turn round & accuse Mrs. Wardroper.

It is an old dodge.

Her statement is very ably drawn up- a great lie based on a little truth.

But the proceeding of the Leeds Committee is to me inexplicable - except on the ground of the "constitutional inability" (as some one puts it) of some bodies of men to discern truth from falsehood.

It is said that Englishmen will never degrade themselves into *secret informers*. What must we say of these Leeds men who actually abuse all right & confidence by turning 3 of our women into secret informers?

It appears to me that we are the Plaintiffs & not they .

I think Harry B.C.'s paper & Mrs

Wardroper's form a complete answer.

These papers should be laid before our Committee as soon as possible with the view, if you see fit, of their being communicated to the Leeds Committee -

If we cannot go with the Leeds Comm: hand in hand, they had much better, however, break off from us entirely. How can we send women to be under such a head as Miss D.? She would be quite sure to ruin them. And she is quite sure to fall through. And it is equally certain that the Leeds Committee will be too stupid to see that she has fallen through.

As for her statement of want of system in the training, it is perhaps hardly worth notice. But it would be easy to show that there is no Training=School, - Anglican, Lutheran or even under the old established R. Catholic Orders, where there are methods, to ensure & to test every step in the training, at all to be

[end]

9003/46 2ff, pen, signed letter

[5:338]

Lea Hurst                      Sept. 25/68

Matlock

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you to write to me at all. The Bucks paper gave infinite pleasure here -

I am not very much surprised to hear you say that you "mean this to be your last election" (tho' I hope that means that you feel pretty sure of winning it.) For I have thought often lately that, what with Ho: of C., & with Railways, & with County business, & with doing everything for every body, you had more to do than any one man could do - But I *am* surprised at, & do most earnestly protest, against the reason you give for it.

Surely it is not the business which "draws you earthward" - but you who draw it heavenward- Surely there can be no other or higher "preparation for another world" than to serve God so faithfully in this as you have done in the Ho: of C. and in County business. Surely politics are

one of the highest ways of serving God.

Sir D. LeMarchant published in his Life of Lord Althorp a scrap of Autobiography by Ld. A. in which he said that, at the age of 49, I think, he meant to retire from public business, for the sake of preparing for another world - That always seemed to me the most extraordinary mistake that ever was made. I suppose Ld. Althorp was one of the honestest men who ever lived - one of the purest & most disinterested politicians & statesmen the Ho: of C. or Cabinet ever had - And what in the world could he want better for a preparation to meet God? I suppose Ld. Palmerston did many wrong things in his life - But surely it was the great redeeming, the ennobling, feature of his life that, till the very last hour before the very last illness, he worked as hard at what he thought the good of his country, as a young Collegian works for ambition to get a first-class -

I most earnestly trust that both of you & Capt. Verney will win your seats. *for the good of the country.* which we will not deny God by denying that He cares for.

2. I am obliged to come back to London next week - [In fact I ought to be there now.] M. Mohl is at No. 35- And, when I go back, may I put him into No. 32 - we "doing for" him, of course, as last year -

Do not trouble yourself to answer this, unless you have some reason for wishing to prevent it.

[M. Mohl enclosed a note to me for Parthe to ask for this a fortnight ago. But I returned it to him, as I thought he had much better stay at No. 35 till I came back.]

He is studying at the British Museum.

3. Lord Shaftesbury wrote me a very kind note, when starting for Homburg, offering to reconsider the ~~subject~~ question of his being on my Council. [I thought you had been talking to him.] Perhaps

you & I had better talk it over (& also with Harry B.C.) before I answer Ld. Shaftesbury. I do not want to identify our Training ~~School~~ with the Low Church party - as I have always kept it quite free from the practice of the High Church sect - tho' *they*, at least Miss Jones, have done us essential service with the Midwifery School; & I hope will do us more -

4. I have heard from Miss Osburn & will send you the letter as soon as I have answered it- The first page is to you, explaining why she was able to be of no use to your son, in consequence of ~~the~~ your letter to her arriving the day after he landed. Mrs. Verney came & drank tea with her.

Harry B.C. thinks that Miss Osburn would be much pleased if Parthe would send her "Avonhoe" from herself - I have not seen Avonhoe yet.

ever, dear Sir Harry, your affect.

F. Nightingale

I shall send your

excellent criticism

on the unfortunate Leeds business to Harry B.C. as soon as I hear of his return.

9003/47 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 5/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dearest mum

Journey all night

Train a little late - or

I should have written on

Saturday night .

Rain all the way.

Saloon carriage a great  
success - Hope you will  
have it when you come -

Octavius carriage at St.  
Pancras' Station to meet me.

Yesterday a real summer  
day - wished I could have  
enjoyed it at Lea Hurst.

Saw M. Mohl - He looks  
well -

I find it a great  
disappointment my increasing  
inability to bear more than

¼ hour's conversation at the  
bed-side - & keep  
up work at the same time  
at all .

I find here such an  
accumulation of work-  
And this morning's mail  
brings in such anxious  
& harassing Indian &  
Australian work as  
might well terrify a  
stouter courage -  
East wind to day.

I don't believe my eyes  
or cough are the worse  
for the journey, thanks  
to you all. But, of

course, as I grow older, I  
feel being tired more  
I have not a minute to  
write my Watson- Dr.  
Sutherland is coming -  
And I must "dépouiller  
ma correspondance", as  
French Ministers say,  
before he comes -  
Nothing could have been  
better than the way the  
whole journey was  
managed, thanks again.  
If I had known that  
Papa would have liked  
to have kept any of the  
"Revue des Deux Mondes,"  
I would gladly have  
left them - but they

were all packed & in  
the cart~~ria~~ when  
he mentioned it .  
But I could send any  
by post - that he wants  
to finish reading -

Au revoir -  
ever dearest mum  
yours & his  
lovingly & gratefully

F

Mrs. N  
Lea Hurst  
Matlock

9003/48 2ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Oct 10/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

When I left London, I wrote to Mr. Rathbone,  
as you & I agreed I should, to thank him  
for his kindness in sending me (a change  
of) plants from a Nursery man & to  
stop it, as I thought, for "good".

No sooner am I come back but (this  
very day) it begins again.

What *shall* I do? -

I must write to him on Monday  
about a heap of business he has sent  
me to do - And therefore must  
mention this (about the plants) in  
some form or other .

If you could give me a word of  
advice by return of post, I should  
be truly obliged .

My mother says she is coming up about this day week .

In another week, I felt, when I left Lea Hurst, it would be exquisite- ( with the autumn tints - scarcely then begun)

But certainly, it is hardly fit, for her to drive about there (in the dark, which, when I came away, she was already beginning to do-)

=

Mr. Jowett is coming up to London for Sunday 18th. May I ask him to sleep at 32 S. St- we "doing for" him from here -

=

Conceive my abject terror when I received Miss Osburn's resignation by last Sydney mail- owing to Mr. Carr having published her letter - However, when I came to consider it, I perceived that it was the only thing she *could* do-

I therefore wrote to her, telling her that the danger was over- that the copies were withdrawn ( for this we have to thank you & you alone) & that we would not "accept her '*kind*' resignation".

I wrote the same thing to Mr. Parkes,  
the Chief Secretary at Sydney, who had  
written to me about it.

Miss O. was just as much disgusted as  
we were at Mr. Carr printing her  
private letter -

I give her great credit for this -

I am overwhelmed with business - in great haste  
ever your affecte.

F. Nightingale

9003/49 1f, pen, signed letter

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

My dear Sir Harry

You will be more frightened than hurt  
by this packet.

1. are 2 letters from Miss Osburn -  
the first has a message to you in it -  
the second is the famous letter of abdication

Of course I have told her that our  
Committee are much touched by her  
disinterestedness but beg to decline  
{cut off. her final offer?}

I have told her that I showed you her  
letter of abdication & gave you her  
message about Mr & Mrs. George Verney.

It would perhaps be better, if you  
write to her (but I don't ask you to write)  
not to say that you have seen the rest.

Please return me the letter

2. letters returned to Parthe

3. a letter announcing the death of  
poor Mrs. French's second daughter  
- for Emily, who was kind to the first

I have written to poor Mrs. French &  
told her I was about to tell Emily

P.S. Your Miss Wilson, of Rugby, tells  
me that her brother is going to be  
married - And she loses her home  
& occupation there - I am sorry

P.P.S. Lord Mayo is going to India- [I  
always know when there is a  
catastrophe coming,] - because he has  
written to ask to see me -

*Private*  
ever your affectely.  
F. Nightingale

Oct 24/68

9003/50 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 1868 (October?)}

My dear Sir Harry

You *don't* think the Q. of  
Holland will want to see me  
at a moment's notice - If  
she comes, I *must* have  
at least a few hours' notice.  
I am up to my chin at this  
moment in papers -

yours

FN

9003/51 2ff, pen, initialled letter **[5:362]**

35 South Street, 4 Nov./68  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

Please tell me what I  
ought to do about Mr.  
Chadwick's request.

I have always, as he  
knows, kept entirely out of  
political siding one way  
or the other - I have  
served each side just  
the same. ~~one way~~

He puts this however in  
a different way.

I think Mr. Chadwick  
would be an useful man  
in the Ho: - I think he  
would be an infinitely  
better man in the Ho: of C.

than as he has been, for the last 15 years, agitating & publicizing & cross & restless.

But I don't think he ought to have asked me this- Ife I give my name, I bring down no one knows what controversies upon me - And no sum that I could afford to give would be of any use to him without my name.

[9:614]

To undertake anything at all that will bring down any correspondence upon me is past my power.

I have more painful cares at this moment than any one human being can or ought to undertake . I am pressed to that degree by Lord & Lady Mayo's departure- (She too has just been here) that I can hardly breathe. Still, if you thought well, I would send Mr. Chadwick my name & £5.

[end 9:614]

I don't think either Mr. Mill or Mr. Chadwick or- many other men - have used me well - about many things - They make me take no end of trouble for them. They never do anything for

[9:614]

me. Mr. Mill has never helped me about India. Then they both of them often say to me: "Give me your name",- & leave me to bear all the correspondence which *invariably* in my case follows upon it.

[end 9:614]

in greatest haste  
ever yours affectely.  
FN.

9003/52 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, 7 Nov/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

[16:655-56]

My dear Sir Harry

I see your name on the enclosed (which however I can scarcely decypher)

The true answer to it is - let them see the plans of Aylesbury Infirmary which was specially planned for a small number of beds - & will be an excellent model to follow-

But, if you have already answered or are not going to answer, just return me the enclosed, please.

Pray tell Parthe that "I've been quite cheered & nourished in my heart for to" read Avonhoe =  
ever yours  
FN .

I followed your advice about Mr. Chadwick.  
Many thanks.

[end]

FN.

9003/53 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, 7 Nov./68  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have no other excuse,  
now that the Mayos are  
gone, for not seeing the Q.  
of Holland but the  
general disinclination I  
have to waste strength,  
when I am so overworked,  
in what will have no  
practical result .

She is now at Claridge's  
If she does not forget all  
about it, & if she persists  
in her wish to come ~~here~~ to see me,  
I can only say what I  
said about the Q. of  
Prussia, she must be so  
good as to remember

that I can only see her  
by herself, (me in bed,)  
& her lady even must  
be left down.stairs .  
I should not have thought  
but that she would have forgotten all about it,  
only she mentioned to  
somebody, I forget whom,  
that I had not seen her  
& had seen somebody  
else, I forget whom -  
when she was last in England

ever yours

FN.

I had an extremely good  
& satisfactory letter from  
Lord Mayo- just  
starting . I saw  
them both, separately,  
& supplied him with a  
paper of suggestions  
at his own desire.

FN.

9003/54 2ff, pen, initialled letter

*Private* {on diagonal}

35 South Street, 14 Nov.68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot help writing **[5:339-40]**  
my little "Godspeed"- to  
you who will have so many-  
for Monday & Tuesday.

[I don't know whether your  
nomination is on Monday.]

So sure as I am that your  
Election will be conducted,  
as far as you are concerned,  
not only in the spirit of  
God but directly for the  
service of God, I cannot  
but look upon it as a  
great religious ceremony.  
For politics are the highest  
department of God's  
service.

My good wishes attend on  
Capt. Verney.

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How much will be decided  
on Tuesday for the future  
course of God's government!

Not but what I am far  
from thinking Mr. D'Israeli  
a servant of the Devil or  
Mr. Gladstone an  
unmitigated apostle of God!

But still the issues which  
hang upon that day are  
the most important of  
all.

So much religious reform,  
social reform, commercial  
reform, administrative  
reform, reform in

governing our great  
 Dependencies, has followed  
 the political reform of  
 36 years go - may we  
 not trust & pray that  
 equally great or greater  
 may be the reforms  
 which will follow the  
 Constitutional Change of  
 1868 -  
 May God's will be done in  
 us & by us all!

[end 5:340]

ever yours affectely.

FN

I received the most modest of little  
 notes from the Q. of Holland on  
 Wednesday & saw her on Thursday.  
 She was most interesting - She

[8:842]

talked chiefly Theology & the  
 prospect of this world getting  
 out of its woes & vices.

I thought her much saddened &  
 altered since last I saw her.  
 but, if possible, more attractive.

[end 8:842]

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I will tell you a piece of bathos-  
 the frantic eagerness of the W.O.  
 to get rid of Sir. J. Pagn., (which  
 would make them pass any  
 number of Reform Bills, if  
 they could) F.N.

[Pakington]

Wellcome Ms 9003

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9003/55 2ff, pen, last page in pencil?, initialled letter **[3:340-41]**

35 South Street, 17/11/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear

To be sure I like to hear  
progress- I am thankful  
to hear it- By this time  
it is all settled - I should  
have asked you kindly to  
telegraph - but that I felt  
sure, if you did not, I should  
think something had

happened.

Mr. Rathbone found  
time in his hard pressure  
to write:

"I believe Liverpool is  
considered about as  
safe as a constituency  
of 38 000 of which  
over 20 000 have  
never voted can be-

"& in SW Lancashire  
tho' a hard fight it  
must be we expect  
to win".

Mr. Rathbone's nomination  
is to.day.

I heard a not very hopeful  
account of Godfrey Lushington's  
canvass. But he had done  
himself good by the fight.  
Clerical influences it was  
said would be too strong  
for him - and certain  
clerical jobbing in alms  
houses, of which you will  
probably not never hear.

[His fate too is settled by  
now. May it be all right!]

East wind here dreadful.

F.

As, when you receive this, all except Marlow,  
will be settled, I will put  
in now: the admirable &  
adorable Mr. Wyatt, Chairman  
of the Board of Guardians of  
St. Pancras who is building  
for the Saint a new & excellent  
Workhouse Infirmary at  
Highgate which we !  
are to nurse (the first  
London Workhouse which has  
made proposals to us)-  
invites me to send a friend  
to the Laying of the First Stone  
on Dec 10 I thought it just  
possible Sir Harry might go?

F.

9003/56 2ff, pen, initialled letter [5:341-42]

35 South Street, 20/11/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Thanks very many for most  
interesting letters -  
I have forwarded them each day  
to Papa -  
I could not but give one tear  
to Capt. V.'s defeat- but Great Marlow  
two to his victory or better  
than victory- for he is  
more than conqueror [And  
so I told Sir John Lawrence-  
There has been a terrible  
smash among our young men  
But on the whole surely  
this Election may be called  
the most glorious event of  
our Parliamentary history -  
the grandest story of our  
times - great as that is  
[And this, tho' many of the  
men we cared most for  
have been defeated]

There is a backbone of  
common sense in our people  
which carries us through  
all our difficulties.

Think of more than a  
million of working men  
coming untried by  
experience tried by  
every kind of sophistry  
& cry (& intimidation in  
some cases) & saying:  
"we will not have Radicals-  
we will have no extreme  
men on either side- we  
will have the real men-  
we are 'constitutionalists',  
not of the D'Israeli's sort".  
I think we should be proud  
of our good old country-

God bless her!

Still D'I. might very plausibly say: "when you proposed reform, half of you ran into a 'cave', half of you voted against. We put confidence in the people. Here is the result. Why do you turn us out?"

Mr. Rathbone, on the morning of his nomination, went to the Liverpool Workhouse, & did business by himself for 2 hours in our Nursing Administration. & wrote me word of the result. [I did not ask him -indeed I did not.] It is of such men as these that England is made. Everybody is very sorry about Mill - & every body

expected it. He has written himself out of Weston. The Briton won't stand that writing about & dictating to other constituencies & his own. But he is an irreparable loss. I hope he will get in somewhere. I am afraid Abingdon is a cruel disappointment to many.

In the greatest haste (for I have been writing all day to Sir J. Lawrence & Ld. Napier- & that poor woman, Ly Herbert, is coming)

ever yours  
F.

9003/57 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: Nov.24.68}

Tuesday 2.p.m.-

My dear Sir Harry

It is such a very great disappointment not to see you to-day- & not to congratulate ourselves viva voce on your "return"-

But, what between the business that does come & the business that does not come, I, like poor Brutus' wife, "fall distraught" to-day.

[And I have not done Sir B, Frere yet -]  
Sir J. Lawrence sent me a whole sheaf of papers about his proposed Sanitary Executive for Bengal by last mail to do before his departure-

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I have followed exactly your advice- sending it to the poor Sisters of Ormond St -

With the gigantic, I had almost said diabolical, power wielded by the Confessional, Manning is equally able & willing to deprive them of Subscriptions- And I know of at least one instance where he *has* done so. It would be madness for *them* to undertake to raise funds- And they are so simple-minded -

[3:274]

[end 3:274]

in haste

ever your affecte.

Thank Parthe for the FN  
flowers

9003/58 1f, pen, initialled letter

Dec 4 {arch: 1868}  
35 South Street, {printed address;}  
Park Lane,  
London W.

My dear Sir Harry

1000 thanks for all you have  
done - for me -

With regard to Sir G. Bowyer  
I will ask leave from the  
"Revd. Mother" of Bermondsey  
to tell you what the Sisters  
of Ormond St. are suffering,  
while he thinks he is  
"supporting them entirely"

With regard to the Herbert  
Hospl., I will tell you about

the foundation=slip - It is  
not at all as it is  
represented in the "Times"

ever yours  
FN.

9003/59 2ff, pen, initialled letter [3:387-88]

35 South Street, Dec 15/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Dear Papa

I return these scraps (of yours,)  
because you desire me -  
They appear to me scarce  
worth answering. There  
seems small wisdom & less  
power in making these  
"enumerations of miseries,  
unless the Author means  
to proceed farther as to  
the moral government of God.

I subjoin a phrase which  
strikes me as resuming  
more power than all these  
good books: one man was

pointing out to another (a  
very hardworking man in  
doing good - real good)  
some horrid prostitutes, &  
saying:-'It is very dreadful.  
"These are women."

The other answered: "*They  
are in God's hands.*" He  
hasn't done with them yet.  
*Shall it take less time  
to make a woman than  
to make a world? - Is not  
the woman the greater? -  
She may have her ages of  
chaos, her centuries of*

*crawling slime, yet rise  
a woman at last".*

Surely it is no answer to this  
to say: - yes, but the time  
is *too long*-

I have been trying for a  
week or more to write -  
but no one can tell who  
has not tried what it  
is to have one's days  
packed like bricks in  
a house= wall - as I have,  
for 15 years together -  
And as if I had not  
enough to do, both the  
Crown Princess of Prussia,  
(our Princess Royal)

& Mr. Rathbone have  
been here, giving me  
work to do.

[end 3:388]

ever dear Pa  
your loving child  
F.

9003/60 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Dec 17/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My very dearest mum

You can't think how I have been  
watching for a moment to write to you -  
And now you will think I write merely  
to get our Christmas greeneries - which  
many little eyes are anxiously awaiting.  
[I send on another sheet, to save you  
trouble, what is wanted. All had  
better come on Tuesday with the usual box,  
please - to me.]

You have probably heard of dear  
Lady MacNeill's death. She died of  
pleurisy about 3 weeks ago. She  
was not old. She was taken ill on  
Saturday November 21 - was told of  
her danger the next day - said she  
was "glad to go before Sir John"- made  
arrangements for every body's comfort-  
& so died on November 26, the next  
Thursday. I did not hear of it  
till some time after - but received this

morning a most interesting letter, which  
I will send you. tomorrow.  
They were a little anxious about Sir John -  
but he has busied himself in kind  
cares for every body as usual - and is  
better than they expected to see him.  
She was one of the best & cleverest women  
I ever knew- & with a great spirit in  
time of trouble.

If my dearest Mum is alone in February,  
and if I can possibly get away,  
(but you know how busy people are  
at the first meeting of Parliament)  
I should feel a great inclination to  
come down & see my dearest mum  
for about 3 weeks - But this is the  
vaguest vision at present- you know  
how little mistress I am of my own  
life -

ever my dearest Mum's  
most loving child  
F.

9003/61 2ff, pen, signed letter [7:761]

35 South Street, Dec 21/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry,

I know of no book giving  
any account of the Paris  
Charities - Nor do I believe  
it possible that there can  
be, if any, one approximating  
even to the truth.

The Religious Orders of  
course do not publish any  
account of their charities -

And all Charities are in  
Paris connected directly or  
indirectly, so much with  
the Government that no  
account could be published  
except authorized or  
indeed undertaken by the  
Government.

Even the 'Assistance Publique,'

upon which Administration  
nearly all the Hospitals  
of Paris depend, published  
no Statistics, till we  
induced the 'International  
Statistical Congress' to  
sanction a system which  
I drew up.

[Till then, they published  
an Annual thing, called  
a 'Compte Moral', which  
might just as well have  
been called a 'Compte'  
Immoral -]

There are statements concerning  
the 'Bureaux de Bienfaisance',  
which are half municipal,  
half charitable, (in one

of which I once lived)-

All these are either  
large folios or small  
quartos - both of Hospitals  
& Bureaux.

[I have an account of  
the *Protestant Charities*,  
which I presume you do  
not want.]

If your object is to  
obtain an enquiry into  
(the modes of administering)  
foreign relief, in connection  
with the revelations of  
the last few years as  
to Poor Law & Charities in  
London, I have long been

convinced that nothing but  
a R. Commission would  
elicit any information  
at all worth the paper it  
is written upon.

[end 7:761]

Please thank Parthe for  
the beautiful princely  
Guernsey (Madison) lily-  
The bulb shall be faithfully  
taken care of & returned.

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9003/62 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Dec 23/68  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My very dearest mum

I must thank you for the  
most splendid & princely  
supply of Christmas  
greeneries & other good  
things - which are all  
already distributed- &  
which have gone to cheer  
many little faces & sick  
faces who would otherwise  
have much pain & difficulty,  
(as I have some times) I  
*feeling* that there is  
"goodwill towards man"  
amidst the "wades of this

"troublesome world" on  
this Christmas Eve  
which is said to be so  
joyful.

There is so much in the **[5:181-82]**  
grinding London poverty  
which cannot be realized  
in the country.

It is so hard for gentlefolks,  
who have never seen any  
thing but Agricultural life,  
to speak of "East End  
pauperism" as a thing of  
blame.

In all trade & great mercantile

& manufacturing enterprise,  
there is & must be, an  
element of uncertainty,  
an irregular element,  
which does not exist  
in Land & Agriculture .

There are & always must be  
times when Labour has a  
great deal too much  
to do & times when it  
has a great deal too little  
to do.

The wicked element in it  
is this:- that, whenever  
Emigration on a very  
large scale has been  
proposed, the country  
has stepped in & has  
said: No, we won't have

this drain upon our  
population - Because  
then we can't undersell  
every other country -  
(which we do now, by  
having a much larger  
population than we want.)

The wicked element in the  
Poor Law is that it prevents  
private enterprise from  
finding work for those  
who have not got it &  
who would do it, if they  
had.

It says:- No: we will tax  
the whole country to  
support these, in the  
necessary fluctuations of

9003/63 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, New Year's Eve  
Park Lane, {printed address} 1868  
W.

My very dearest Mum

I celebrate the last day of the Old Year  
to you in my heart.

To me who am always glad to see the  
last day of the Old Year, & to know that  
I never shall have to see its ugly face again  
- & who always hope that the New Year may  
bring brighter & better working prospects,  
even tho' I may not live to see the half  
of it, the last day of the Old Year can scarcely be said  
to be a sorrow- I who have so long done  
with personal hopes & fears -

I am sorry to say that I have to send  
you with the Old Year a Beast with a  
Bill.

Of the 'bonnet front" I know nothing-  
for 11 years I have worn the same bonnet-  
about once a year.

Of Godsell's Bill I also know nothing  
But, if there be anything for me in it,  
please let me pay it.

'Pope & Plante' has sent his Bill to me

for the spun silk vests. £5.5. And I  
have paid it. So please don't let him  
send it to you -

I am sorry to say the Commissionaire has  
celebrated the Old Year by getting drunk  
(after having taken the pledge.) And I  
shall have to dismiss him- after having  
had his family in hand for 2 years.

ever my dearest Mum's  
loving child

F.

9003/64 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: ?1868; Miss Jones of KCH}

I am seeing poor  
Miss Jones about  
every week. She is  
one of those whom  
I try to persuade  
that her work comes  
under Category 1-  
She declares that  
L. Hurst saved her  
life. I want her  
to go to Embley for  
a fortnight about  
a fortnight hence.  
Might she?

She has been here  
3 times for a night  
or two. in the last  
3 weeks.

9003/65 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: ?1868; with another letter,  
black-edged paper bundle 136

Dearest mother

You will be nearly  
as sorry as I am  
that Miss Jones decides  
against Embley

I don't at all  
believe in the "well"  
she speaks of.  
O ~~filleg~~ those "Sisters."  
I am sure they are no  
Sisters, "according to  
the Lord"- hardly  
in the non= natural  
sense" but in the  
*unnatural*

I believe I could

still persuade Miss  
Jones if I were with  
her. I hope she  
will still go some  
where in November.  
But then it won't  
do her half the good.

    Please tell Beatrice  
however that the  
plan holds of  
having two Superintg.  
Sisters, one for each  
House -

        ever dear Mum  
        your loving child  
        F.

9003/66 1f, incomplete, pen, initialled letter {arch: c.1868}

[5]

    You probably know that there has been  
a "Bagarre" at Netley (in June) & that  
Mrs Shaw Stewart has been compelled  
to resign. She was "gazetted=out".

    After considerable delay, the War Office  
has written to me to choose & *train* for  
them a Supt. Genl. & Nurses - & that  
all candidates, of whom it appears there  
are several, are to be sent *to us* -

    [As for poor Mrs. S. Stewart, she had the  
ball at her feet & has kicked it in  
the face of every man she had to do with.  
Twice I replaced it at her feet - And twice

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she began the kicking process over again.

It could not but end as it has ended.  
But Genl. Wilbraham has been as weak  
as water.]

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You know Mr. Wyatt who, in 12 months,  
has reformed the Poor Law system of  
the worst administered parish in the  
world, St. Pancras- They have applied to  
us to train a Nursing Staff for them for  
their new Infirmary at Highgate, 500 beds,  
(18 months hence)-

I have long thought that the Poor Law Board  
is hopeless - & that what we do we must do  
at the other end, through such men as Mr. Rathbone  
& Mr. Wyatt.

FN

9003/67 1f, incomplete, pen?, unsigned letter {arch: ?1868}

Friday

My dear Sir Harry

I am immersed in very  
painful business, for which I  
have had to write nearly for  
48 hours for this evening  
which is both Australian &  
Indian mail -

But, if I can, I will send  
you anything about the Poor Law  
to read (I would gladly have  
gone into the subject fully)  
in time- Shall I send it to  
38 U.G. St? I do not  
know that I shall be able-

I am so glad you ate a good

9001/68 1f, pen, initialled letter [1:267]

35 South Street, Jan 4/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Dear Papa

Many thanks for the  
payment of the Rates &c.

About your "response: & "objections" to  
my "Political Economy", I  
am afraid that you have  
not read my letter,  
(as Aunt Mai says)

I have a long letter to  
write you about  
Theological matters-

but no time now -

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

9003/69 1f, pencil, initialled letter

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

My dear Sir Harry

You have often suggested that I should write  
a little Article on the Poor Law -

I have written the enclosed -

[If it is to be published at all, a good deal in  
it that is too familiar, a good deal in it  
that is *impudent*, will have to come out.]

I am not intending to make it any longer.

Would you be so good as to look at it?

I would modify or alter it in any way- or  
what I should much prefer, I would put  
it in the fire.

But, if it is to be published at all, I understand  
that it should be published at once -

[If it is to be in any of the February Magazines,  
I believe it ought to be sent by next Thursday]

I could write other papers, as the question  
develops itself- But I could not develop this  
paper -

As you know, it is not properly my own subject-  
And I should never have thought of writing  
upon it at all, if you & others had not  
kindly urged me -

I understood that the question is marching  
so fast, that what appears too "advanced"  
now will next month be "in arrear"-  
You see how entirely the "Times" has changed its  
tone within a very few days -  
There is a discussion to.night at the Social Science  
- I have had not intercourse whatever with  
Dr. Stallard, but I think he has done  
good service. & will do more -

ever yours  
FN

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9003/70 1f, pencil, initialled note

35 South Street, Jan 5/69  
Park Lane {printed address}  
W.

My dear Many thanks for the  
beautiful Rhododendrons &  
white (Clematis?)-  
I wish Mr. Hill could produce  
the like.

I do not like to ask either  
you or Sir Harry to come over  
here in this driving rain-  
especially as he has been so  
poorly, to sit in his damp  
clothes in the Rail road-  
afterwards -  
ever your F.

9003/71 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 5/69  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.

My dear Sir Harry

I don't know what you will say now-  
 This wretched Commissionnaire has just  
 confessed to Temperance *that he never did*  
*take the pledge* which, in the paper  
 enclosed, *he declares to have taken.*

You see, he is nothing but a tissue of lies.  
 And I have no doubt now, putting together  
 what Sister Gonzaga has told me, with the  
 fact that while he was earning excellent  
 wages with me, his family always seemed  
 in such abject poverty - altho' the two  
 eldest children always gave *all* their little  
 wages to clothe the mother & the little ones-  
 I have no doubt now that the man has  
 constantly been taking rum all this time.

[In Christmas week he had from me  
 11 good meals here- besides a Round of  
 Beef & a large Plum=pudding to take home  
 to his family- and 18/ in money- And then  
 he always alledges they are starving!!! Yet the  
 wife, poor thing, is an excellent manager &

the little girls are patterns -]

*What shall I do?*

It is very good of you to be troubled with  
 this miserable & provoking business .

[I must tell you that Sister Gonzaga, in her  
 out-spoken way, wrote to me: "if you are  
*fool enough to keep that man" &c &c]*

The man now offers to go this night to a  
 priest (he is a R.C.) & take the pledge  
 bona fide, & bring me back a written  
 paper to that effect-[This may be only  
 a fresh deception} *What shall I say about*  
*this? -*

I will abide by what you advise -

If you still think well viz. "to give him  
 "formal notice to leave me, saying at the  
 "same time that ~~you~~ shall not enforce it  
 "if he" strictly keeps the pledge- I shall  
 be grateful to you to tell him yourself .

Thank you very much for your offer to get me another Commissre. - But about this I have no difficulty - I have simply to write to the Adjutant who has at this moment half a dozen men he could send me- But the Adjutant distinctly told me that he could not find that Molony another place - that "no one "would keep him but" I"- that *gentlemen* sent him back on the Adjutant's hands - him & his *like*  
 ever yours  
 FN.

Please return the enclosed, tho' useless.

9003/72 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 5/69  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.1

My dear Sir Harry.

It is so very good of you to wish to see my wretched Messenger. And I thankfully accept it .

But I am afraid he will not tell you the truth .

He has certainly been drunk not with Beer but with Spirits twice if not thrice since Christmas Day- And - this is the worst. Sister Gonzaga says that *several*

times (when he came to them on messages) during the past year he had certainly been drinking *rum*, tho' he was not drunk - Now he took the pledge in August 1867- And he has repeatedly assured us all that he has taken *nothing* since, but Cider. [I believe that a very little affects him- But then,

you see, that is not the  
question- The pledge  
says '*nothing*']

It is absolute *ruin* to the  
the man's family if I turn  
him off- And they must  
either starve or go to the  
Workhouse -

I will abide by your decision,  
whatever it is.

[Of course I do not wish  
to mention Sister Gonzaga's  
name to the man -]

ever yours  
FN.

9003/73 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

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

My dear I send you back your work. I thankfully  
accept the other. But I have not even begun it yet  
Especially these short days I am obliged to take all  
the day=light for business- and I have been so ill  
that I have been unable to do anything at all but  
lie flat in bed excepting during those hours -  
and sometimes during them--~~then~~ I am weeks in arrears  
[And Dr. Sutherland, instead of saving me, will  
actually make me write one Memo. for him  
& another for the War Office - as this very day.

I therefore think I had better return you  
your work- & probably when you come to town  
have a paper pattern bought to copy from, (and then  
the two works need not be the same)- as  
I shall be weeks nay months in doing it - & am also  
fond of trying new stitches -

ever your  
F

I have a most faded  
dreadful place in  
my carpet before  
the window - which  
wants a rug- But  
then I don't like to  
*work for myself-*  
This is: *Pauperism*  
FN

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9003/74 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street Jan 5/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am so sorry to hear  
that you have been so ill .

I would not, on any  
account, bring you  
out here in the driving rain -  
merely to get damp-

Could you, before you go,  
return me my little  
paper (too long already)  
on the Poor Law- with  
any advice you may  
be good enough to give?-

P.S -

If you advise publishing it  
(but I hope not) is there  
any particular Magazine  
you would advise putting  
it in?

ever yours  
FN

I am very sorry about  
the Commissionnaire-  
*how* sorry the fact of my  
having kept him, hoping  
against hope, 2 years & 1 month  
best proven-  
But I entirely concur in  
your opinion- His  
lies make him hopeless.

FN.

9003/75 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 6/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I hope that you were not  
the worse for your journey.

My unlucky Commissre.  
took the pledge last night  
& brought me his ticket  
(which I suppose is a  
genuine) from the  
Temperance Office this  
morning.

The man is in a  
dreadful state. He says  
that he shall be discharged  
from the Corps, because  
that I am certain to be asked

for his character.

I suppose his having  
now taken the Temperance  
pledge would not make  
any difference in your  
opinion as to my course.

[I had written last  
night to the Adjutant  
for another Commissre.  
to replace this man on next  
Saturday.]

I have had a great  
deal to do with soldiers,  
a great deal to do with  
Irish soldiers, & a great

deal to do with drinking  
soldiers (unfortunately) .  
But I do think this is  
the only ~~man~~ soldier  
I ever  
knew who would  
deliberately put his  
'cross' & signature to a  
lie- such a lie as that  
he had taken the  
Temperance pledge .  
(in August 1867.) I think  
now what a fool I was  
not ask to look  
at his Temperance  
ticket. But it really  
never came into my  
head till yesterday  
morning when I sent

my maid Temperance  
to him to ask for it-  
& doubt the fact which  
he had volunteered to attest.

ever yours  
FN

9003/76 3ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 8/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am more sorry than I  
can tell that you have been  
so ill. But I thought you  
looking so far from well  
all 1867 that I choose  
to think this the "clearing  
illness". Of course it  
will be for the Drs. to  
say whether you may  
stay in England. But, if  
they let you stay in  
England, and if they let  
you attend Parlt. when  
it meets, I hope they  
will tell you to stay

quietly at Embley - you have  
5 clear weeks before you  
-& not to run backwards  
& forwards anywhere on  
business.

Thanks for your kind  
advice about that wretched  
Commissre.. I am sorry  
to say his wife has written  
to me. But I shall stick  
to your advice. I am  
sorry also to say that  
my Adjutant is gone  
- just gone. And I do  
not know the new one .

However, no enquiry about Molony's character has yet reached me.

Many thanks too for your kind advice about the Article. I think, if you would have it copied & send me all the criticism upon it you can, as you kindly propose, but return me the original M.S. in my own hand as soon as possible, that would be the best.

I can't correct or alter or curtail, cut out, or modify a paper from any but my own M.S. (I can't otherwise find the place) or from print. And many's the

paper I have had (not copied but) printed [at my own expence]) & then cut & substituted & modified at my ease- Sir John Mc.Neill told me this 12 years ago - And many people who have written as many official papers as I have will tell you the same .

Tho' I have published little, I have written some hundreds of official papers (& printed). for the Govt. Offices - & ~~all~~ mostly in this way.

But I don't want you to  
trouble yourself about  
it.

If you are so good as to  
have it copied & send  
me back my M.S. -- - (&  
then send me all the  
criticism you can. All  
criticism is acceptable).

Besides, I have wanted  
my M.S. two or three  
times already. Facts  
which I had collected  
& put in there & could  
not look for again, &  
had to quote .

N.B. I do not consider my Article  
a proposal at all -

I consider it merely as  
suggestive -  
Afterwards I could, if  
thought well, write a  
proposal.

But indeed I have no  
strong wish to do either-  
in great haste  
ever yrs affectely. &  
gratefully  
F. Nightingale

9003/77 2ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 18/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

[15:588-89]

My dear Sir Harry

You will hardly believe that I have never found time to read this Circular (till to.day) from the International Society for Wounded Soldiers, in which you have taken an interest.

Would you kindly read it?- I need hardly say that I cannot go to their Berlin Conference. And I know no one but you who would recommend our cause there "with dignity"- But I do not ask you to go. On the contrary I ask you what I shall answer.

The result ( of this International Society) will be a moral one. It will not be a practical one. It presents to Governments the human side of ~~filleg~~ War. That is all. It is a sort of Greek chorus, extolling the merit of being humane- Nothing more -

Our Government would never send a "Plenipotentiary".

I have been asked to write to Mr. Longmore, of Netley, (who was sent to the previous Conferences

by our Govt.,) to ask whether he is  
~~has been~~ to be sent to this.

But I really cannot  
undertake any one else's  
business, being hardly able  
to do my own .

If they want to extend  
themselves to "maritime"  
operations, of course they  
must apply to the  
Admiralty for a "Délégué".

To our English notions it is  
certainly (& as I think,  
justly) absurd to think  
of preparing a Corps of  
Nurses, male & female,  
for War, to do nothing in

peace.

Also, there is the very  
great danger of taking  
the responsibility off  
Governments of providing for  
Wounded & Sick.

But I have already said  
all this more than once.

[The Crown Princess, (but  
this is, of course, strictly  
between ourselves,) expressed  
to me in the strongest manner  
her opinion of the helpless, dirty,  
useless set of Nurses, male  
& female, Doctors, "Knights,"  
accommodation, &c. provided  
by this machinery in the  
Sadowa campaign.]

ever yours

F Nightingale.

[end 15:589]

9003/78 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Jan 18/69  
Park Lane, {printed address;  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

The Corps of Commissionnaires  
has kept on that wretched  
Molony at our request. But  
they have fined him 10/. I  
know he has pawned almost  
everything & can hardly  
pay this. But I think it  
is hardly right for me to  
interfere farther in his favour?

=

I am afraid the *management*  
of the Corps is by no means  
first-rate . E.g. They leave  
employers to make their  
own bargains with the men,  
which, (in such a case as  
mine, e.g.) is unjustifiable-  
I have a respectable man  
now, but stupid.

I hope that you are making progress at Embley & will stay there. [The E. wind fogs here are dreadful.] I beg to remind you, in my grand=maternal way, that I shall expect to see you better after this than you have been for the last 2 years. We can't spare you.

Thanks for returning my paper with its pencil annotations. Is there any more coming?- I mean, was there a copy taken- and are you so good as to make your remarks on the copy? What

do you think I had better do with it? - and is there any particular Magazine you would kindly recommend for it? [cut off]

9003/79 6ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 23/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

[15:589-90]

My dear Sir Harry

Again I have to say what I have so often had to say before as an excuse for not answering your kind offer (to write for me to M. de Sydow) sooner - that I have literally not had a moment.

I think it would hardly do, either for you or for me, to reply to him exactly in the terms you propose. Because, as you are aware, our

Government *has* acceded to them. And it would hardly do, either for you or for me, to ignore this. As you are aware, all the points in your proposed reply have been urged before upon them, both officially & unofficially- And *nevertheless* our Government, (apparently for political reasons & not to *appear* to be behind the times,)

*has* acceded to all the propositions hitherto agreed to.

[But it is certainly owing to us that they have not made themselves more ridiculous than they are - or as ridiculous as Dunant would have made them.]

It appears to me that the only thing you or I could do would be:- to express warm interest in their proceedings - & altho' holding to the

view that Governments  
should be held  
responsible for their  
sick & wounded in war,  
nevertheless wish every  
success to endeavours  
made for interesting  
all countries in those  
thrown upon their  
mercy by war.

You will know so much  
better than I how to put  
this & to make it less  
bald

If you think that it  
would be more respectful  
for me (especially as the  
Crown Princess had so

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much intercourse with me  
lately - I will tell you  
about that another time  
- & as she will most  
probably see the  
Proceedings) more  
respectful for me to  
write a note to enclose  
in yours, I will do so -  
But it is a trouble to me  
even to write a note -  
additional.

I am very much obliged  
to you for ~~writing~~ your  
kind offer to write to them,

which I most gladly accept.  
 I think, if you would say,  
 besides saying what you  
 propose as to my ill=  
 health (this as a reason  
 for my ~~declining~~ incapacity to go  
 to Berlin or anywhere) - if you would  
 say something as to my  
 overwhelming business -  
 because I should not  
 like them to think that,  
 while we are putting  
 forward the responsibility  
 of Governmts., I am

neglecting my Govt.'s  
 work from any cause,  
 especially as we are  
 at this moment, as  
 you probably know,  
 training a complete  
 Nursing Staff for Netley.

~~As to the "~~

The best of it is: that  
~~our~~ our Governmt. *does*,  
 always *has done* &  
 always *will do*  
 what this International  
 Society *proposes*.

Lord Raglan always  
 detached the necessary

to see after the enemy's  
 wounded. He did this  
 even when we could  
 hardly see after our own.  
 - as at the Alma, so  
 on every other occasion.  
 I am sure it was  
 beautiful to see how  
 the Russian wounded  
~~were~~ who fell into our  
 hands were removed  
 & tended by us - much  
 better than they were  
 by themselves.  
 So at the Tchernaya, it  
 was beautiful to see  
 the Sardinians bringing

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W.

in & tending the Russian  
wounded.

As for the "maritime"  
operations, cannot you  
fancy how the old  
Jacks will laugh: -  
'what ~~do~~ is this \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference (another oath)  
coming to say to us? -  
haven't we always  
rescued the enemy  
from drowning (another  
term of endearment  
much used among seamen)  
in sea-fights when we battered their ships

into our cockpits  
& brought ~~in~~ their wounded  
& nursed them ourselves?  
And, as we hope to  
win in the next War,  
as we always have done,  
shan't we look after  
their wounded, as we  
always have done,  
without this \_\_\_\_\_  
Society coming &  
prating to us - ?" &c &c  
ever yours  
F. Nightingale

[end 15:591]

Has Parthe been &  
married somebody from  
32? There was a  
wedding there to.day.  
I saw the bride. Her  
veil was in her hand.  
Therefore I would  
advise you: look to this.  
F.N.

9003/80 2ff, pen?, initialled letter [5:146-47]

25.1.69

Dearie

Many thanks for all the trouble which you & Sir Harry have taken about the Article-

I think I will re-write it-  
[I had not time to open it till to.day.]

If you recommend "Fraser", will you tell me whom you write to- & how? - & the address? -

If you recommend Mr. Reeve, will you tell me *when* is the next Edinburgh?-

I *had* been recommended to write a Poor Law Article for one of the Quarterlies.

But my feeling was 1. that I did not *ride* heavy enough for a Quarterly- 2. that, tho' I really like Mr. Reeve better than most do, I had not time for a correspondence which he would most certainly honour me

with in modifying my Article-

as I am essentially *not* a Periodical writer-  
But, as I *am* re-writing it, it will be quite heavy enough for the Edinburgh, IF he will admit it -

Yes: I should certainly sign an Article, containing facts & opinions on a subject of this kind, at least with my initials. Because Sidney Herbert disapproved of writing on these subjects anonymously- He said that one ought to be called to account for & to stand to one's fact & opinions in these things, as a man has to do in the Ho: of Commons - [I have never published anonymously except newspaper articles on his work, a great many years ago- which were written by Dr. Sutherland & me at Old Burlington St

& published in different newspapers. That was before his death.]

N.B.

If you refer to my letter to Sir Harry, you will find that what you take exception to - about my having said that I had written so many hundreds of Reports - referred exclusively to what he said "that the first thing to do was to make a copy of my paper"- & my reply- that people who wrote so much as I do found a M.S. copy made from their own writing useless for reference. They write, revise, *print* & cut up the *printed* copy. [This is so much the case that, as you are aware, a formal remonstrance was addressed by Government to their Report-writers for the printing expence entailed by

this practice- I did it at my own expence.]

ever your  
F.

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9003/81 2ff, pen?, signed letter

25/1/69

My dear Sir Harry

The Water Works man  
came here to-day to revise  
the cistern &c, supply of water  
&c of this house- I let  
him inspect the house- [He  
worried me excessively, I being  
engaged with a gentleman from  
the War Off: at the time -  
with sending in messages,  
whether my name was  
"Nottingham" or "Nightingale" &c  
&c &c. But it is not *that*, I want  
to trouble you about.]  
He wished me there & then  
to set down who was the  
owner of the House- & what  
its *Annual Value* -  
I said I would write (& so got  
rid of him -)

If they mean by the Annual Value, the Assessed Value, it was £200 when I came into the house & was raised to £300 - very unjustly, as I think -

I took care to look down & through his book- [For I really thought the man was an imposter- However it was all right.] And I saw that the gentleman occupying houses here, which I knew to be larger than this, had put down as Annual Value  
 £200  
 £240  
 £200 -  
 What ought I to do?-  
 I have got to write to him

Should I put down

Owner	Annual Value
W.E. Nightingale	£300

Or may I put down £200?  
 Or ought I to put down what I am insured at - tho' I forget what that is?

The man said: the object of the Company was to revise the water rates-

I have been paying hitherto about £7 water-rate per annum. quite enough -

[I have put up a Condensing Apparatus to my Boiler- And that supplies *me.*]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

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9003/82 1f, pencil?, initialled note

Please ask Mama about this. I know nought about it. I cannot bear to trouble poor mother- & often pay her Bills, if I know they are right- Of *this* I can tell nothing -- Tear off this slip pray-

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FN.

9003/83 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:809]

{printed address} 35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.1

My dear

I want Mrs. Watson to send, if possible by Tuesday's box, some Arrow-root or Rice or Rice Blancmange made in a Mould which was delicious -

It is for a poor lady the wife of one of the best of our War Office clerks (the man I used to call my Temple to Friendship who has had a dreadful confinement in which the child's life was lost & almost her own.

She was miserable at the loss of the child (the husband earning about £120 or £150 a year) & insisted on sending the poor little body into the country to be buried with her sister's children -as she could not bear it to "lie in a great London Cemetery, all alone"- I am now sending in wine & things, as she is ordered every kind of

restorative- And any thing at once delicate & nourishing that Mama would contribute would be acceptable.

ever your  
F.

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9003/84 4ff, incomplete, pencil, initialled letter [arch: end Jan. 1869}

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Park Lane,  
W.

*Peshawar* has been made one of the worst spots in the whole world by bad engineering. The causes of Fever & Cholera there are perfectly well known. And *Ld. Napier* of *Magdala* repeated them to me in his peculiarly graphic way (which shows such practical ability) the other day.

[9:890-92]

*Amritsar* has not a single drop of good water to drink - This was well known - But I have quite recently had a report on the subject, which it really is impossible to repeat to 'ears polite'-  
As for the *Hills*:- "Your Correspondent"

is probably not aware that the *Hills* themselves have been repeatedly attacked with Cholera from filth, nuisance & bad water - that this subject has been continually before us- & that we have continually had to report thus:- Improve such & such a Hill Station- do not occupy it with men- till it has been improved - at present it is actually as pestilential as such & such a Station in the plains

On all these subjects Reports come

home to us monthly .

Quite latterly I have been engaged in reporting on the very subject "Your Correspondent" treats of. & particularly on the abominable state of the sub-soil ~~of~~ upon which they have built the new Allahabad Barracks - terminating my letter with our strongly expressed opinion that, had this been done in England even, nothing could have saved the inmates from Cholera - in Epidemic years .

Lord Napier of Magdala gave me his own priceless evidence of 40 years that we have rather *understated* than over stated our case .

He has sent me (since) confidential printed documents connected with his own command

On one of these I have had to report. (confidentially) It contains the account of an outbreak of Cholera traced directly to an indecent & abominable neglect which I really cannot transcribe, (tho' I have had to report upon it.)

Also: (but this is by the way:) it *has been* repeatedly urged, to complete the communications over & under the Indus, so as to be able to occupy Attock instead of Peshawur. where, if they are making improvements at all, it is at the slowest possible pace - [Peshawur cannot be safely evacuated, unless there are means of pouring in troops at the shortest possible notice.]

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Park Lane,  
W.1

[With regard to Sanitary things, it would seem as if the authorities were struck with judicial blindness Here is a thing which has happened since the New Year- at home- After years of representations, complaints & urgencies, followed up since Sidney Herbert's time, we had obtained a water=supply for Gibraltar. For the town this was opened (by Lady Airey) with a formal ceremony - The consequence (of the whole new system) has been that, for the first time, Gibraltar has been free from Cholera or Fever at an Epidemic time. I reported this to a Cabinet Minister at his own desire.

£1000 was put on this year's Estimates to extend the water=supply to the Garrison

*And it was struck off!*

We believe that we have succeeded

in getting it put on again by a statement that the £1000 would repay itself in 3 years (not by saving soldiers' lives - that is no matter) but by saving the water=carrying & rates. But even of this (its being replaced on the Estimates) we are not quite sure.]

I would gladly enter more fully into the subject (of the letter enclosed.) But, as you will, I am sure, see, I who have to report to the authorities have not a moment to spare for non=authorities. I cannot report upon my reports-

If you make any use of the above statement, you must not, if you please, mention Ld. Nap. of M., nor my correspondence with Ld. Mayo's govt., nor my reporting, nor anything which will point to names. [The Gibraltar story is quite confidential- Mr. Cardwell does not even know that I know anything about the Estimates.]

Neither should I have written even so much as I have done here, if it had not been that it is proposed (in the letter enclosed) that Sir Harry should "bring on" the "Hills" question "in the House". which is simply laying so much in the balance *against* Sanitary improvements.

I have written amid many interruptions- **[end 9:892]**  
ever your loving

F.

I have much to write about besides, but must put it off

9003/85 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, 12/2/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I have hardly had a minute to breathe - much less to think, since I received your kind letter.

Everything has been going *by the board* in these new Estimates. With the utmost difficulty I have saved out of the rigging the Army Sanitary Comm: & half the Medical School. I will tell you all about it when you come to London.

In the meantime, this is strictly private. I have not even told Sir B. Frere. In this country, it is never wise to advertise that you are near drowning.

I have not even thought of M. de Sydow till just this minute- And I have written the enclosed, which I have not so much as read over or corrected. Will it do? I think if you would still

[15:591]

be so good as to add a few lines to back it up, & enclose it, it would be much better -

It is a difficult thing to do- One must be very civil, because they have been very civil, treating me like a Government all to myself-

At the same time, as our Govt. is going to send, I believe, two (different) Deputations, one must not dwell too much on Governmental action being independent of them. Also, as any letter may be

read publicly, I don't  
think it would do to  
talk of my being  
"consulted by Govt. as  
to Poor Law & other Matters"  
especially as they are  
very likely to print all  
letters in their "Protokoll",  
(such a word!)  
I think if you would just  
back me up as to my  
being busy & ill- as  
to my warm interest &c  
-my *attendrissement* at  
the honour done me - &  
a little more of what  
Sidney Herbert called  
necessary "cock a doodle"- what

[end]

9003/86 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:148]

*Burn*

35 South Street, Feb 13/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have never thanked  
you for your kindness  
in sending me the  
"Industrial Employment"  
paper.

Of course we concur in  
*all* these things being done.  
Let *all* "waste lands" of  
Great Britain be reclaimed.  
But let people make a  
very simple calculation  
by which they will see:-  
A B is the increase of our  
population every year-

X Y is the number of acres  
 additional, required to  
 feed them with bread  
 alone -

Upon this calculation,  
 2,400,000 additional acres will be  
 required for the 10 years increase  
 not including the compound increase.  
 Now there is not that  
 quantity of waste lands  
 at this moment in the Kingdom.

Do not depend upon my  
 figures, for I have not  
 them before me. But  
 it was a little calculation

I made for my Article  
 (which has been accepted)  
 But this is of course no  
 reason against cultivating  
 what waste lands there  
 are-  
 On the contrary .

We are aghast at the  
 new Estimates- The War  
 Office is drifting into  
 the hands of the Horse  
 Guards. These men Cardwell, Childers & Co.  
 are not Ministers nor  
 put there to be Ministers  
 They are Mr. Gladstone's  
 Secretaries- ever yours

FN

9003/87 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 1869}  
 23 Feb/1869

Dear P.

I have engaged a Saloon  
 carriage for *Tuesday* (12.45)  
 & told my Father I would  
 come

I suppose I had better  
 stick to *Tuesday*- tho' very  
 inconvenient to business-

I shall thankfully accept  
 your carriage & man -

9003/89 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street. {printed address}  
Park Lane,  
W.1

1.3.69

My dear Sir Harry

About the enclosed which  
I return- [you will have seen  
on Friday night that there  
was another & similar  
question put:]

so long as matters with  
regard to the Army remain  
as they are, the present  
relation between the S. of S  
for War & the C. in C. must  
remain as it is.

It is virtually this: the Govt.  
~~the Govt. S. of S for War~~ is supreme over the  
Army, as it is supreme over  
every other Dept. in the  
state - but the Govt. works  
thro' Heads of Departmts.

The C. in C. is a head appointed by Her Majesty. He manages all details subject to the S. of S. But the C. in C. is virtually a permanent Officer. and the S. of S. a moveable one. The permanent Officer will always be supreme over the moveable Officer- unless the latter has the extraordinary ability & will, like Sidney Herbert, of mastering his business- so as to know it as well as or even better

than the permanent Officer.

But, since Sidney Herbert, no one has done this - & least of all will Mr. Cardwell do it.

Hence the C. in C., like every other permanent head of a Dept., has more power virtually than the S. of S.

I am afraid that so it must remain. At all events, you know, practically Mr. Cardwell will never be "supreme over" anybody. Sidney Herbert, with all his grace & bonhomie, was - just because of this that, knowing as much as the

Horse Guards themselves, he could not be "put down" by them.

But that time is past.

During the 14 years I have been in the W.O., I have never known the H.G. so rampant as now.

It is really a *practical* & not a theoretical matter.

ever yours  
FN.

1/3/69

9003/90 1f, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, March 1/69  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you read these 2  
 letters from Lord Mayo to Sir  
 Bartle Frere & let me  
 have them back in half  
 an hour?

If you could not do that  
 conveniently, I could let you  
 have them again to - day -

Could you give me the  
 street & number of the great  
 French Papeterie - I think  
 the name is Marion & I think  
 the Street is Regent St.

ever yours

FN

9003/91 3ff, pencil?, unsigned letter

[1:337]

March 12/69

Dearie

1. Many thanks for Spenser & the corrected Una -  
 We are just now in the thick of our work - & I am  
 afraid I must put off the doing of it till August -
2. Mr. Jowett is coming here to give me the Sacrament on  
 Sunday at 3-  
 Would you or Sir Harry, or both, like to come?  
 R.S.V.P. [end 1:337]
3. I don't know that I have any "message", thanks, for [5:148-49]  
 Mr. Froude, except that as he "hoped", ~~from~~ to you,  
 "to have another Article" from me- I should be  
 glad if he would indicate in what direction he  
 wishes this second Article to be-  
 I am of course prepared to follow up that view  
 of pauperism with another development of the  
 same -  
 But I had so much rather have heard first  
 what people have to say on the other side .  
 You say:"I suppose you have seen from the  
 "Reviews on your Magazine Articles what people  
 "say of" &c &c- I have never seen any "Reviews"

at all of the (only two) "Magazine Articles" I ever wrote - [But then I never see anything ] & should be most glad to see them

I never have time to look thro' any paper (nor eyes) except what I am *obliged* to read in the "Times"- And I should be glad even if, when you send me in the "Pall Mall," you would kindly mark what I am to read - Has there been anything in the "Pall Mall" about my "Magazine Articles"?

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If Mr. Froude would rather *tell* me what he has to say, I would make an appointment to see him some afternoon

=

I have sent my Article to about 20 men, most of whom asked for it- because I wanted criticism- Of these but 3 or 4 are as busy as myself - Only 3 & those the busiest of all- Sir John McNeill, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Rawlinson, have sent me any criticism -or indeed have acknowledged it -

I send you Mr. Rawlinson's letter, which I think a very powerful one-

*Please return it .*

You see what he says about Mr. Carlyle -

4. I am sorry you have to go- but glad you have let your house well- *Remember to ask Sir Harry to come here. when you go -*

5. Many thanks for the hyacinths- The white hyacinth, surrounded with red tulips, is a knowing invention.

6. I will send the Cornhills- They were directed to me- And I thought they were a present. from Embley -

I have not had time to look at them .

9003/92 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: ?1869} 30.3.69

My dear Sir Harry

I think Parthe is quite  
right to give up going to Bagshot

Combe is a better place -  
but not nearly so good a  
place as Embley, for her -

However, the right thing  
is, of course, what you propose -  
viz. to ask her Dr.

It is a curious thing, but  
a well-ascertained fact, that  
~~it~~ there is more danger of a cold to  
an Invalid changing her room,  
her house, or taking a drive,  
even if only to the next Street,  
than taking a journey, especially  
into a better atmosphere -

But, of course, any move

while this wind continues is

out of the question -

But it cannot last much longer.

[Who has not a head-ache  
in this weather?]

ever yours

F.N.

March 30

9003/93 2ff, pen, initialled note + initialled letter

35 South Street, Ap 4/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

I have written a little note to my mother,  
tho' I scarcely know whether she  
opens her letters -  
Parthe goes to Combe to-morrow - Her  
Doctor gives a perfectly good account  
of her -  
I cannot be thankful enough that  
Bertha & William Coltman are  
with you -  
I have told my dear mother about  
Sir John Lawrence's visit to me -  
I hope you read Lord Stanley's  
speech at Glasgow in yesterday's  
"Times" It seems to me one  
of the finest things of the kind  
that ever was spoken- And the  
last part would, if cut up into  
proverbs, make as many proverbs  
as there are sentences in it- much better  
than Solomon's- ever your F

35 South Street, April 4/69  
Park Lane,

W.

Dearest mum

This bit of paper only comes  
to give you a kiss.

We are always thinking of you  
& very sorry that you are so  
suffering, dearest mother.

Yesterday afternoon Sir John [5:523-24] [9:623]  
Lawrence spent with me.  
He had just come from the  
Queen, from the presentation to  
her as a peer. But he did  
not mention this.

I think he is a little more  
simple, modest & grand than  
ever. When I see these

grand old fellows from India,  
    how the English Ministers  
    of the present day dwindle  
    into mere rats & weasels in  
    compassion. Sir John  
    Lawrence is like a Roman  
    Caesar of the noblest type -  
    say Titus or Marcus Aurelius.  
He went off in a thick drizzling  
    East Wind fog - & would  
    not even let a cab be sent for. [end 5:524] [end 9:623]  
        ever my dearest Mother's  
        loving F.

9003/94 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, {printed address}  
    Park Lane,  
        W.1

April 8/69

My dearest mother

    We are so very glad to  
hear that you are less  
suffering- and we really  
hope that you will be able  
soon to sit up & enjoy the  
spring- [here: of spring  
there is little, of sun there  
is none.]

    We have been so very  
sorry to think of what a  
serious attack you have  
had. I should have  
come down to see for myself  
how my dearest mother  
was, had it lasted any  
longer. But, thank God, I

hope by this time you don't  
want your troublesome old  
daughter.

We are at this time very busy  
at the India Office; making  
up the year's Returns &  
all that kind of thing.

But we are *always* very busy.  
I say, like Mr. Bright -  
[only he says it to the Public  
& I say it to my thumb]

All the Offices ask me for  
advice - I give my advice -  
my advice is masterly. I  
tell them what to do. And  
they don't do it.

[9:620]

Or rather I am like the French  
journalist who says that

he has uttered 8 millions  
of truisms in the last 10  
years- so have I- that  
it is more tiresome to  
teach truisms than to  
relate murders, which  
Tacitus says is tiresome -  
so I think-

& that not one of the 8  
millions of truisms has  
benefited one of the 8  
millions of his readers-  
that is just my case, always  
excepting India.

Sir John Lawrence, in his  
grand simple way, said:  
-'you started the Royal  
Commission-you initiated

the public opinion which  
forced Sir Charles Wood to  
take up Sanitary works,  
which he did not believe in,  
- *as a policy*. And now  
there is not a Station in  
India where they are  
not doing something.'

But I shall be wearying you -  
ever my dearest mother's  
loving child

[end 9:620]

F.

9003/95 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, April 8/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Many thanks for writing so often  
about my dear mother.

I trust that, if she can but  
get her strength again, she  
may be better after this  
very serious attack than  
before, & have indeed a new  
lease of life.

Here there is to - day a dense  
East wind fog. & canopy of  
smoke.

With regard to your note  
upon my "Inspector of Nuisance":

1. my Article applies more  
exclusively to London, (vide  
first sentence) your remark  
to the country. In London  
the "Inspector of Nuisances" can  
go direct to the magistrate  
& take out a summons
2. my observation applied not  
however to any distinction of  
town versus country - but  
to this: the "Inspector of  
Nuisances" has only to do  
with the *outside* of houses,  
(except under extraordinary  
circumstances) the Poor Law  
Medical Officer has to do  
with the *insides* of houses-  
which are, after all, the  
most fruitful in causes of  
disease. Why then, I say,  
not give the Doctor who  
sees the inside of a house  
(when he is seeing the Patient)

immediate power to bring  
these inside evils before  
a magistrate or other  
authority? It might  
be done by a very small  
alteration in the Act.

Your case actually confirms  
mine & comes within my

principle . I say: - let  
your Parish Doctor be  
your Inspector, & let him  
have power to act directly  
by taking the case before  
the Magistrates, if necessary.  
This would, of course, require  
a modification in the Law.  
In large towns, in England,  
where the most costly &  
successful works of  
water supply, drainage &  
sewerage have been

introduced, the improvement  
in the people's health has  
not been at all commensurate.  
Why?- Because the  
works have been all  
outside the houses. And  
the insides have been  
neglected.

Take the case of Liverpool -  
The cottage-owners got themselves  
strongly represented on the  
Town Council- And the Town  
Council did not use the  
powers, (which it has,) of  
enforcing on the cottage owners  
the connecting their cottages  
with the sewerage of the town,  
& putting up sinks &c &c &c  
Hence the insides of the  
houses have remained  
unimproved- And I have,

9003/96 1f, pencil?, initialled note + 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Easter Sunday  
 Park Lane, {printed address} 1869  
 W.

Dearie

1. Mr. Jowett is in town to-day & has sent to ask whether he shall come - at 3, I believe . I hope that Sir Harry or you or both may like to come. [I asked all ~~the servants~~ the maids last Sunday, not having the least idea he would come on Easter Sunday]

2. Are your servants going to the Crystal Palace to-morrow?
3. Shall I hear anything about Godson Carl Fliedner's knife from the maker
4. Would Emily like any books from my very ragged regiment? Only let her send me the names of those she takes She has not sent me the names of those two last -  
 I have some books of yours to return - F.

April 13/69

Dear Sir Harry

*Many, many* thanks for taking the trouble to bring the Daffodils & Primroses which, potted, look beautiful.

As for your so kindly thinking about my going to Claydon at Whitsuntide, I cannot help telling you how much I thank you for it, (tho' you desire me not).

It would be a pleasure to me all my life to look back upon- if I could do it -  
 I must not think about it now -

When Whitsuntide comes....?  
 In the meantime, you must lay

your plans about Claydon  
without any reference  
which you have so kindly  
made to me -

About your Mr Norris & his  
Nursing (District) project  
for Buckingham &c -

[13:722]

this morning I heard that the  
two Miss Miles's, "Deaconesses"  
under Dean Howson at  
Liverpool, for visiting the  
sick poor - (not in connection  
with Mr. Rathbone's District  
Nursing) were going to leave  
Liverpool, because the very  
hard work in the town was  
too much both for their  
health & their pockets

It occurred to me whether  
you would like to mention  
them to Mr. Norris -

They had a training both  
at Kaiserswerth & Strasburg -

The two Sisters will not  
separate -

They are women of experience-  
If you like it, I will send  
you their address for Mr.  
Norris -

They were known to dear  
Agnes Jones & to her  
excellent aunts - (but not to me.)

[Should Mr. Norris think of  
them, he must obtain  
all particulars from Dean  
Howson, as I could not  
undertake this]-

[end]

=I hope you are pretty well -  
ever yours FN

9003/97 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Ap 19/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dear "Pop"

I send you the most  
unromantic of all possible  
Birth-day presents, two  
fi-pun's- And I wish  
they were as many hundreds.

Mama's progress must  
be very slow but I hope  
sure- She must need the  
greatest quiet & with so  
low a pulse lying down  
entirely. But I should  
hope that when able  
to drive out, she may get

stronger with the spring.

Here the weather is  
abominable. To.day wind  
W. But for the last 3  
days, wind E & N. &  
only no fog because  
wind so high. Yesterday  
bitter- Out-door hyacinths  
&c in park said to have  
been cut by frost.

ever your

F.

9003/98 2ff, pen, initialled letter

May 1. 1869

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

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry that we cannot  
help you with a Nurse to the  
Little Cripples -

But, rather, we want you to  
help us-

=

*Mr. Norris of Buckingham*

I read the Miss Miles'  
address

14 Maryland Street  
Liverpool

But as I had the same  
difficulty in reading it as  
you, I addressed all  
applications which reached  
me for them to

The Misses Miles  
care of Miss Smyth

The Retreat  
Drumcondra Hill  
Dublin

(Miss Smyth being the person  
who wrote to me- & her  
address being on the letter)

Or, of course, Dean Howson  
of Chester? would do as well.

*San: Comm:*

Mr. Paget, who is on the Sanitary Commission of which you speak, applied to me to let me see him about it - And I believe I am to do so.

Is it not a cruel pity that they should appoint a *Sanitary Comm: (lucus a non lucendo)* without a single member who has any *Sanitary* knowledge or capacity, except Col: Ewart & Mr. Paget?

A subordinate member of the Govt. spoke to me about it & asked if he should put on Sutherland- I said, what can he do against all that mass of ignorance, incapacity or indecision?-- Mr Paget

who is the only man who does know anything about it, says *he knows nothing* . If they could have got a good sprinkling, such as I had on both my Royal Commissions, of competent men, they might have done immense good. But now....?

ever yours

F.N.

May 1/69  
what a May!

9003/99 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 2/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Dearie

Many thanks for the offer  
of the temporary kitchen=maid.  
But I have not sent your  
letter to Turnham -

It would not suit me  
at all, in my small  
household without a  
housekeeper, to have in  
a stranger- thank you very much  
all the same-

I do not know who told  
you that I was in want of  
temporary help- Of course  
any temporary arrangement  
I should make *within* my  
own household, getting in a

charwoman to help, whom  
I know- And this I have  
done- And I hope Sir  
Harry will come in to  
dinner as usual- He  
shall not be poisoned.  
The letter which I wrote to  
Papa yesterday about it *holds* -  
I did not like to write  
to Mrs. Watson, even  
enclosing it to Mama,  
for fear of troubling her,  
body or mind.

But, if she could hear  
my letter to Papa about  
it, & *then empower Mrs.*  
*Watson to write to me,*  
that is what I should  
like the best -

To-day is an orange fog,  
with a W. wind; I don't  
know that I ever saw  
such a thing in May -  
ever your

9003/100 3ff, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, May 4/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Many thanks for your letter  
But I will limit myself  
to day entirely to the kitchen=  
maid business- as you say  
you will be so good as to  
speak to Mrs. Watson again  
about it .

If the kitchen-maid "objects"  
seriously, "to London as not  
suits her health," I think it  
scarcely desirable to say  
anything more about it.

But what would Mrs.  
Watson say to this proposal,  
viz. that I should have the  
kitchen=maid (say) in a

fortnight from this time  
till the beginning of August,  
when in all human  
probability I shall come  
to Embley or Lea Hurst,  
(as the case may be)-  
the kitchen=maid might  
then return with me - all  
of course subject to your  
good pleasure - to you - -  
so short a time in London  
could not do her health  
much harm

And then it might be  
settled one way or other  
whether she should return  
with me as permanent  
cook to London (say) in

October-

Mrs. Watson knows so well what I want that I entirely depend upon her opinion whether the kitchen=maid would suit me. She knows that though there is not much to do there is a good deal of responsibility - for instance, she has to pay the Bills *weekly*- Now I have to order=in every current thing myself. I should be exceedingly glad to be relieved of this, as soon as the person has a little experience.

But I should think it quite unwise to *press* the kitchen=maid to come, even if you were kindly willing to part with her.

It must be as it seems best.

Only I should like to know by return of post, please, if you or Mrs. Watson would write to me - as I have another person in view.

This other person is *only for the summer*. She is, in fact, Mrs. A'Court's cook. Neither could I think it right, under my peculiar circumstances, to take her for a permanency, or any one

except from yourselves or  
 Mrs. Bracebridge or Combe.  
 My disasters have been too  
 great in this line.  
 Temperance & Jenny do the  
 most perfect credit to  
 their good training.

I do not think that I ought  
 to undertake the Allsops'  
 cook, of whom you write.  
 I think it would be too  
 great a risk- I do not  
 mean on account of the  
 cooking - but on account  
 of having a person whom  
 you do not know where  
 there is literally no  
 mistress & no upper  
 servant.

9003/101 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 4/69  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot thank you enough  
 for your kind note .

I am afraid I must give  
 up going to Claydon at  
 Whitsuntide, however much  
 I should like it dearly -

I know I should give it  
 up at the last moment-  
 And therefore I had rather  
 tell you now, in order to set  
 you quite at liberty, which  
 I am afraid your kindness  
 would otherwise prevent  
 your being -

I do not expect to have  
 more than Whit Sunday & Monday.  
~~Am~~ *if that* - And it would  
 do me more good to lie  
 still & *do nothing*. (if I can)-

Thank you a thousand times.

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I wish you would come &  
dine here as usual on days  
that are convenient-  
You shall not be poisoned.

=

I have looked in vain for [5:149-50]  
anything for you "to read for"  
"Mr. Corrance's Motion"-

I am myself looking forward  
to it with great anxiety -

But motions for enquiring  
"into the existing state of  
Pauperism & Vagrancy- & the  
principles upon which the

"Poor Laws are at present  
administered" will not do  
much, unless it bring  
about a re-consideration  
of the whole question.

For, if it is the Poor Law which  
makes Pauperism, the Poor Law  
which makes Vagrancy,  
we want an inquiry into  
the whole thing- the very  
application of the principles  
of Political Economy- the  
very operation of the Poor Law  
in generating paupers-

As people said I was "oracular"  
in my paper in Fraser,  
I have written a paper  
on my paper which is

so extremely bad that I  
think it will do very  
well -

I do not offer it to you to  
read - for I know you do  
not like those little lines-  
And it is quite in its rough  
state -

But it is of course quite at  
your service if you like to  
look at it before Mr.  
Corrance's night-

I shall dwell upon the  
advantages you offer for  
*Emigration* in your Hudson's  
Bay C: Territory paper (which  
I liked very much) in Fraser  
The very Turks are before us in  
providing ever yours  
for Immigrants!

F.N.

9003/102 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 6/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Following up your letter, I have  
this moment engaged Mrs. A'Court's  
cook for 2 months- As Mrs. A'Court  
takes her back at the end of that  
time, (having only released her  
because she Mrs. A'C. has let her house  
for 2 months) & as I take the  
cook *with the pet-dog*- the  
two being inseparable- I have  
done a safe thing at all events-  
The cook occupies exactly the  
same position with Mrs. A'Court  
that she does with me viz-  
of being a cook without a kitchen=  
maid--

But alas! what am I to say **[5:313]**  
to your expectation that I shall

come to Embley "early in July"-  
I thought I had made it  
clear enough that there is no  
human probability that I  
shall leave London before  
Parliament is up- That is  
to say, it would be as little  
easy to leave London for me  
any day before August as  
*now*. In other words, if  
there were any immediate  
necessity for my seeing my  
dear mother (which God forbid)  
I should come - But I  
could come now just as well,  
*or just as ill*, as any time  
before the House is up -

Only consider - It is now 13  
years that I have been in  
the service of the Govt. Offices-  
And, during those 13 years,  
I have left London *once*  
before the House was up- (viz-  
(last year.) And then a  
great disaster was the  
consequence.

[9:620]

There have flown 3 years since  
I have had this house -  
thanks to you - And - the  
first year, 1866, I could not  
leave London till *August 18* -  
The second year, 1867, I could  
not leave London *at all*.  
The third year, last year, I  
came to Lea Hurst the first

week in July - the first time  
 that I have broken=loose  
 since 1856- And we lost  
 an important India Office  
 step in consequence, owing to  
 the inevitable delay of sending  
 papers backwards & forwards.  
 Judge ye, if I ought not to be  
 spared the pain of declining  
 to do *what I always would*  
*do if I could* & what, *if*  
*I cannot*, I ought not to be  
 asked to do -

[end 9:620]

I have a hope, tho' by no means  
 an expectation, that my  
 dear mother may go to  
 Lea Hurst yet this year-  
 ever your  
 F.

9003/103 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

*Private* {on diagonal}  
 35 South Street, May 10/69  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.1

You are so very good to me to  
 think about my going to Claydon.  
 I will tell you exactly what my  
 feeling is- And I am sure  
 you will understand it -

I have of course written to  
 my father & to my mother that  
 I would go to Embley any  
 time that she wanted to see  
 me- My dear mother wrote  
 to me herself that she wanted  
 me "not to disturb my  
 business for her- But Mr.  
 Taylor has promised to let  
 me know *at once* if he thought  
 her worse- He persists in  
 saying that she will "recover  
 her strength"- Still, at her age,

there might at any time be a  
rapid change towards the end.  
I have told my father that  
I will come *at any time*, if  
that is the case, or even if only  
she were to express a wish  
to see me -

This being the case, I should  
not like her to feel, nor  
should I like to feel myself,  
that I was "pleasuring" at  
Claydon, (which it would be  
to me), when I was too busy  
to come to her -

Also: - it really would be  
destruction to my business  
if I did *both* - (Claydon & Embley.)

My father wanted me to  
promise that I would go to  
Embley "early in July"- I said  
I could not possibly promise  
in justice to my business,  
to go before Parlt. was up.  
(*unless* under the above  
contingency, which God forbid.)

Now you will understand, dear  
good Sir Harry, how it is  
with me- And how,  
under the circumstances, I  
could not go to Claydon,  
now, as you are so kind as  
to wish.

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Could you kindly, some day  
when you are passing along the  
Haymarket, call at that Cutler's

where you were so good as to  
order a knife for me for  
Carl Fliedner, & ask them  
why they have never sent it  
to him? I paid my  
Bill above a month ago -  
And they offered themselves  
to send it to him, I paying  
the expences- And they  
never have

ever yours  
F.N.

9003/104 3ff, pen, initialled letter **[5:150-52]**

35 South Street, May 12/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

So the practical result  
or rather the practical non=  
result of all the Poor Law  
discussion is simply this: -

the public are to be left  
to pauperize by private charity  
without let or hindrance

and the Poor Law is to  
pauperize by rates as usual.

It appears to me that  
what we ought to do now  
is to advocate a Congress of  
delegates from all Charitable  
Institutions all over the  
country to meet in London

for the purpose of forming  
an Union to include &  
systematize all the objects  
- & that one fundamental  
principle of this Union  
must be that all  
Establishment charges &  
salaries must be paid by  
the Committees rateably,  
(charging ~~the~~ a percentage to each-  
the object being- to have a  
personal check)  
so that the contributions  
from the subscribers  
should reach the poor  
without a farthing of  
deduction.

[I do not see why, if we  
have a Congress of Delegates to  
emancipate the slaves, we  
should not have one to  
attend to our own poor -  
And there are Charities  
already conducted on the  
principle that the Committees  
pay all Establishment's  
charges.]

This appears now to be  
necessary.

I entirely agree in the  
latter Paragraphs in the  
"Times" Article of to-day *May 12* -  
But, if those paragraphs  
be true, some such Union

as I have suggested between  
the different Charities  
follows as a matter of  
course.

If this cannot be done, then  
the next thing, bad as it is,  
should be to advocate  
stopping the supplies  
altogether- so that the  
rates may do every thing  
& that a due economy over  
these rates should be  
exercised.

But, if the Government wants  
a proper ground for action,  
they ought to have a R.  
Commission to cover all  
the ground.

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*Private* {on diag.}

It is a cruel pity that  
Mr. Corrance who seems to  
be a good man should  
have so little understood  
the subject as just to  
have played into the  
hands of the Govt. He  
said just what they  
wanted him to say in  
order to be defeated. And  
his letter in the "Times"  
of to.day May 12 is contradictory  
to the beginning of his speech.  
of Monday night. He takes hold of the most  
offensive, the most impracticable,  
the most destructive &  
pauperizing of all  
conceivable Agencies, and  
proposes it. viz. that

Government should supplement  
out of the Rates the  
voluntary Charities.

Mr. Goschen was perfectly  
right in negating that,  
(altho' his speech was a  
speech of straw.)

[Our proposal was that  
Governmt. should have  
a certain control over  
the voluntary Charities.]

Mr. Corrance advocates a  
system directly the reverse  
of the Paris one then  
praises that. He advocates  
the Paris system & then  
proposes a quite  
different one. He advocates  
just what the French don't do,  
then praises what they do do

The Paris system is that,  
up to a certain point the  
Government allows private  
charity to exert itself to  
the full, keeping a direction  
over it.

We have twenty different  
Agencies, doing the same  
thing twenty times for one  
person.

We want an agency so  
that the one thing needful  
should be done for the  
one person.

This is what they have in  
Paris

But this is not supplementing  
out of the Rates, which is  
the one perfect means for  
pauperizing people -

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In the Debate, every one of the elements has been considered.

And the non= result is:-  
want of capacity - want of capacity on the part of the Govt. to deal with ~~it~~ the question - or rather I suppose I should say on the part of the Legislature.

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There seems to me such a terrible vein of what may be called the 'aristocratical element' running thro' it. People are afraid to interfere - And if you ask them why, there seems to be no reason but - 'this is a good

[3]

world' (for those who have got by capacity or inheritance - the good things in it) - And they are afraid that any enquiry (into the Political Economy of those who have not) will interfere with their 'good world.'

I send you the Notes for my Article, as you are so good as to wish to take them to Embley. But, if Parthe would send the me back by Tuesday's box, I should be glad I wish to begin my Article (if I

do it) *with our gained ground.* For I think we *have gained ground.* And as I have only one hour a morning, 7.30-8.30 A.M a.m., to work at these things, I could not afford to lose a month.

ever yours  
FN

9003/105 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter {arch: 1869}

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

My dear Sir Harry

1. A thousand thanks for enquiring about Karl Fliedner's knife & for paying the little Bill, which I enclose- 3/4 - (with a new 3-penny Bit, for luck.)

I have had to write to his mother (she is such a good woman) with a contribution to Godson Karl's sustenance- And I dare say I shall then hear of the advent of the knife-

ever yours  
F.N

May 12

2. I returned you the German Atlas you were so kind as to lend me- & have

ordered a copy at Williams & Norgate's- They had it not in stock- It appears to me the best Atlas I know. And, as far as I can see, almost all the latest things, Railroads &c. are *in* -

But my feelings are hurt by seeing all North Germany put down as Prussia in blue.

F.N.

3-

If you like to send me back my  
little scrap book about the Papal power  
in Ireland, *anent* the Irish  
Church bill, I will finish it -  
But do not take a moment's  
trouble in looking for it-  
It is not worth it -

FN

How can I thank you  
enough for your good  
wishes - you give me *joy*-  
on my birth-day?

F.N.

9003/106 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street May 29 {arch: ?69}  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Dearie

I send the rough Notes  
because you said you would  
like to see them - And  
Sir Harry wished to have  
taken them to Embley.

Please return them,  
read or unread, by  
the Tuesday's box or  
Tuesday's post -

Many thanks for thy  
birth=day books -

But I was charmed  
with Jessica's First Prayer

& with Lettice Lisle as  
a whole -  
Mr. Fred was so good as  
to call here to ask if  
he should play on the  
Harmonium- But I  
was too ill & busy that  
day to do more than  
send a message of thanks-  
And I have not been able  
since- Pray, if you  
write, tell him so - &  
that I was not the less  
thankful- ever your F.

The Rough Notes are  
as much for Papa,  
if he cares to read any  
of them -

9003/107 2ff, incomplete?, pencil?, unsigned letter {arch: ca. 13 May  
1869}

35 South Street, {printed address}  
Park Lane,  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry to have been so  
tiresome about the Corrance  
question- But I really have  
not had a minute -

Also- I see the enormous  
difficulties- I do not believe that  
Govt. mean to do any thing but  
shilly=shally -

Now, when a man like Mr.  
Wyatt, late Chairman of Guardians of  
St Pancras, resigns because he  
finds that the jobbing & the  
opposition are so intense, the want  
of support from the Poor Law Board  
so marked that his efforts are

paralysed - & he can do no good -  
does it not seem that a  
fundamental change in the  
Poor-Law is wanted? -  
I believe that nothing but a R.  
Commission to work up the  
whole subject, as Sidney Herbert  
& I did the Army Sanitary  
subject, would make the  
slightest impression-  
But, even were Govt. to grant  
such a R. Comm:, who is there  
to work it now? -

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I send you the rough notes  
for my paper- as you  
kindly wished to see them -

Please return them to me in a  
day or two- In their  
present state, they can be of  
no use to you -

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To-morrow is India mail.  
Saturday Sir B: Frere comes to  
me- And you will probably  
be out of town & cannot see me then

9003/108 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, June 7/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

I have sent a *Sermon* of mine!  
- a recent production - (in the  
old green portfolio) by the  
linen-box to-day - according to  
your desire

If you can let me have it  
back by the Tuesday's box  
next week, I shall be glad -  
and will, if you like it,  
send you another - according to  
your desire that I should write  
one- ever your

F.

9003/109 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street June 11/69  
Park Lane {printed address}  
W.1

' I shall look forward to seeing  
you on or about "the 25th."  
for "2 or 3 nights"-  
also the "small Boy".  
Madame Mohl is in London -  
at the Deanery for  
Westminster-  
ever yours  
F

Lady Annabella's marriage  
to a R. Catholic attaché -  
not a very select prospect

9003/110 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

35 South Street, June 24/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I have just heard from my  
father that he will be here &  
will *dine with you at 3.30*  
on Friday (to.morrow)

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I have been so unequal lately  
to any but the most pressing  
business & am so in arrear  
even with that that I  
have never answered your kind  
note about the Deaconess  
Olga v. Billerbeck -

*If my family see no objection,*  
I should see none, to my  
joining with Mme. Schwabe &

Css Bernstorff, as you propose,  
in signing a letter of  
recommendation of the "Alexandria  
Hospl.," provided you & H.  
Bonham Carter will write  
the letter, provided my  
address is not given, in any  
way, as a reference -  
& you will be so good as to  
send round the letter to the  
Merchant Seamen's friends, as  
you kindly say -

I hope that Emily enjoyed the  
Q.'s Concert-  
I have never thanked her for so

kindly sending me the account  
of Elise o. Ungern=Sternberg's  
death- & also for  
sending me news of Parthe -  
I hope that Mr. Fred will come  
& play on the Harmonium  
some time - which I much  
enjoy, if he is so good as to  
spare the time- But I have  
been incapable for anything  
lately-

9003/111 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 7/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dearest mum

I think that I shall be able to come & see you about Saturday, if you will be so good as to sanction the arrangements for me.

I am afraid that I shall be obliged to ask for Watson to take me down.

And I will order the railway Invalid Carriage from this end.

If anything should occur to prevent me from going, as may always happen with me, I will telegraph to him.

What shall you say if I bring 3 maids? It is after this wise:- Temperance must come, of course. Jenny, if I were so much as to "even to" her that she was not to come "home", (as she always calls it,) would really, I think, break her heart- [Otherwise I should be very glad if she would stay here & keep Burch company.] The third is Elizabeth Hill, a young cook whom I have just taken- sister to the excellent temporary cook,

Mrs. A'Court's, whom I had.  
Elizth. Hill seems to be a  
good girl, quite a girl,  
but not to know much.  
I engaged her only on trial.  
And Beatrice, Mrs. Sutherland  
and I all thought that it  
was out of the question  
my engaging her at all,  
unless she could come &  
be tested at Embley &  
have also a little of  
Mrs Watson's good teaching  
I having no one to look  
after her.  
I shall bring only a cat and  
a half- both very clean  
& healthy

To.day is the day I went to  
Lea Hurst last year.

I long to see my dearest  
mum- And I shall be  
sadly glad of a little rest &  
quiet.

If more convenient to give  
me my old room, now  
Papa's, I shall like it  
as well as any - & can quite  
well mount those little  
stairs.

Au revoir, please God -  
ever my dearest mum's  
loving child  
F.

I will write to Mrs. Watson  
in order to save you as much  
trouble as possible, ~~in order~~  
to tell her what I ask you-

9003/112 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 9/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Dear Alice

Many thanks-

I trust to come to.morrow

by the ~~filleg~~ 3.10-

It was the *Saloon* Carriage

I ordered.

I did not at all want

Watson till the same day -

(of my going)-

Parthe comes here next week for doctor for 2 or 3 nights-

so that I leave Jenny &

the little cook to help

Burch- I am afraid it

[cut off}dreadful disappointment.

{cut off}Jenny But the two

{cut off} will follow to Embley

{cut off} in a week or 10 days -

{cut off} my mother permits.

{cut off}before bring only

{cut off}Temperance- with me -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/113 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 9-7.30 {arch: 69}

Park Lane, {printed address; a.m.

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be delighted that you  
& Parthe & Emily (& Parthe's maid  
I suppose, & a man?) should  
come here next week -

I will therefore leave 2  
maids, i.e. Jenny & my new little  
raw cook, who were going  
with me to Embley, here  
with Burch.

They will follow me to  
Embley when you are all gone,  
probably on Saturday week -

[This will not prevent  
your using the house afterwards,  
as Burch will be left. And  
she will have a companion.]

I will not put the servants on  
board wages till after Parthe  
has been here - & will desire  
them to go to her for orders  
for your own meals, & order  
in the things from our trades=  
people, sending the bills, as  
usual, to me.

Do not, please make any  
objection to any of these little  
arrangements- I assure you  
for little household reasons,  
with which I do not mean to  
worry you, it is best so.

[If Parthe brings a man, I would  
suggest that it should be the  
most innocent- as we have  
no where but the *women's* pantry  
for him to sleep in.]

[I am afraid that Parthe will find  
My new little cook ~~is~~ very  
raw - I have only had her a  
few days - She was in fact  
only engaged to go to Embley  
to be under Mrs. Watson.]

I believe there is every thing in  
the house except, I *think*  
Port Wine. And this, I shall  
desire Burch to get from my  
wine-man -

I hope that you will be  
comfortable -

The sooner Parthe can let us  
know his day, the better for the maids -

One thing I will ask you kindly

to remind Parthe & Emily of-  
that my whole *business* depends  
on me, a cripple, being able to  
find my books where I put  
them- & therefore, if they  
will be so very kind as always  
to put back a book in the  
place whence they have taken  
it! - - - I am unable to go  
e.g. into my Dining-room more  
than (say) once in 2 years -  
If e.g. books are carried down  
there, they are as good (or as  
bad) as lost for me - Burch,  
an excellent servant, being  
quite *incapable* in this respect.  
& I having no one to look after  
her- A valuable book of M. Mohl's was  
lost for 9 months in this way-

ever yours

FN

9003/114 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1869}

Embley

Romsey July 13

My dear Sir Harry

I hope you will not so kindly torment yourself about the 'changement de décor' at 35 S. St. I assure you it did not in the least signify.

Burch will be very happy if Emily & her maid come to her.

I find my mother altered certainly- she is shrunk & smaller in person- but very cheerful - more so, more enjoying & willing to be pleased & satisfied & really happy than I have ever known her in all her life till last year, when it was

very striking. I think I may have expressed to you before the great change & happiness & comfort this is.

She has much strength left

- goes out every day. both in carriage & garden - & sleeps well after

- But I must put up my letters at once -

I will write again

Please destroy this -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/115 1f, pencil, initialled letter

Embley {printed address}

Romsey

~~35 South Street,~~ July 15 {arch: '69}

~~Park Lane,~~

~~W.~~

My dear

If going to London, why not  
go to 35, if 32 is not ready?

If so, please write or telegraph to Burch  
*immediately*- & tell her to  
stop Jenny & Elizth., who will  
otherwise come here on  
Saturday - & telegraph the  
same to me -

It will be no great  
disappointment to them,  
as I told them they might  
have to stay till next Tuesday or  
Wedny., to put it off a few  
days longer -

Mama varies, of course. but  
is *always* cheerful. enjoys her  
drives & walks - triumphs daily

in the departure of Hill- (and really the effect on the garden, as far as I see it, is most striking.) never complains. [Webb says, her eyes are not worse- Of this I cannot judge]

She told me how kind Lady Sarah Williams had been- among other things, in her thought in sending her a bamboo light umbrella- I trust that Mrs. Verney is going on quite well-

ever yours

F.

9003/116 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

Embley

Romsey Aug 5/69

My mother bids me say that her Basket-chair suits her perfectly She went out in it on Sunday - Since then, it has been rather stormy. And she has been so late that she has gone out in the close carriage by preference - But, should we have summer weather again, such as we had the first week I was here, I am sure that she will make a great deal of use of it. For she was often out on the lawn till past 10 o'clock then - besides taking her carriage drive-

I asked her whether she had any fault to find with it, before you paid its Maker at Derby-

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And she said: 'if she got fat, it  
'was rather too *narrow*'-

But when I asked her whether I  
should tell you this, she said  
'No': that it was only because  
she liked a great roomy  
carriage -

And I do not think myself  
she said it seriously -  
[You know she likes a little  
compliment on her figure,  
which indeed, (when she is  
nicely dressed, as she is every  
afternoon,) is just like a  
girl of 20. much younger than  
either of her daughters']-

I thought her bent when I first  
came- But I do not see it  
now-

And oh she can do such a great  
deal more than I can.

But she requires a great deal of

[3]

care now- not only bodily (which  
she has) but mental (which I  
try to give)- to keep from her  
the least care or trouble or uncertainty-

While she is free from this, she  
is happier than I ever saw

her in her life - really happier

But it is incredible how much  
worry it costs her if any one

writes to her to do the  
slightest thing. such as, Sir  
Harry sending Mr. Fraser here

& Parthe writing for photographs of herself -

But do not tell Sir Harry this.

I suppose it was necessary -

I only mention it, because it  
is really indispensable to

save her from having to make  
the least decision - or from

even knowing that there is the  
most trifling uncertainty- or trouble  
or from having to look for things -

= [4] *Rain* [7:698]

There was a good even down=  
pour of July rain for many  
hours yesterday & a thick  
night fog after it-

I suppose the farmers will  
now say, 'O my corn', as before  
they said, 'O my grass'-

But I don't agree with you  
(as to *beauty*) about "burnt up  
grass". I thought I had  
never seen Lea Hurst so  
beautiful in my life as last  
year with the *golden* pasture  
- or as, this year, Embley, with  
the park as richly coloured as  
a field of ripe corn- England  
is so much *too green* that the  
golden tinge (of the drought) on  
the grass is just what you  
want for beauty-

This morning the beautiful colour

[end 7:698]

9003/117 1f, pencil, initialled note

I cannot help re-opening my letter  
to say: for I could not have a  
good conscience without:-  
is not what this Dr. says quite  
enough in itself to shew you what  
he is?-

He "possesses a *wonderful* remedy"

He "has obtained a remedy from a  
French Doctor"-

You "are at liberty to visit the Ladies"

18/9/69 F.N.

Please *burn*

{line pointing from here to "*wonderful*":}  
the very language  
of the Quacks -  
Who can mistake  
it? -

9003/118 2ff, pencil, initialled letter {written on a letter from HV}

My dear Sir Harry 18/9/69

I am truly sorry to hear of  
this misfortune -

In general, I never answer such  
a question as yours without writing  
to consult several authorities -

But your particular question  
having been, alas! addressed to  
me by different persons so often  
during the last 13 years, & every  
year having strongly confirmed  
*all experience* on this subject,  
I cannot have the smallest  
hesitation in replying:

all those Doctors *in Paris*  
*and in London* who  
profess to do the thing  
supposed are quacks -

the way they make their  
dishonest reputations is  
well known to all the  
experienced:

they cure some ~~filleg~~ tumour  
 which is *not* Cancer - & then  
 they say: "here is Cancer, &  
 I have cured it"- 'go & see  
 the lady, go & see the lady'.

The dupe goes & sees 'the  
 lady'- (*how CAN she tell*  
 whether it was Cancer or  
 not? - *she* has been told  
 by the Dr. he cured her of  
 Cancer)- And so the  
 dupery goes on -

You hear nothing of the  
 thousand victims of *real*  
 Cancer who die in agony  
 under the hands of these  
 men - with their 'Secrets.'

PAGET is the safest Surgeon  
 & soundest authority in  
 England for Cancer-  
 & certainly will not "use the knife" if not expedient or necessary. FN

9003/118 2ff, pencil, initialled letter + attached 1f fragment, pen

Embley

Romsey

Oct 1/69

I think my mother "carefully" understands **[1:267]**  
 that you will not be back here  
 till Saturday week. (9th.)  
 (I am sure *I* do.)

I do not see that she has any  
 reluctance, (after a "careful" enquiry)  
 to "Bertha & her husband & children"  
 coming here on "Monday week 11th."  
 She is very fond of Bertha.  
 What disturbs her is any uncertainty,  
 any confusion, having to make any  
 decision, having the power to recall  
 a decision she has made - being  
 asked to re-consider a decision-  
 be it of the most trifling nature.  
 When this happens from a person  
 walking about the room, to herself  
 walking about the room, the  
 confusion of mind is so painful

that, tho' I have mentioned this before, it is so impressed upon my mind that I mention it once more. [She has come into my room, almost hysterical, to know if she could not put off a person whom she had made me write to accept, against my own advice to her-] the moment before] *Burn*

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On Wednesday evening, after thunder & lightning for some hours there was for about 5 minutes almost a water-spout- It came thro' the roof in 2 places - one "swimming the back.stairs" the other, thro' the Bay-room where I was. "swum me in my bed" as the servants say - but not quite -

I never remember, except in the East, such a heavy pouring rain, as out of a jug, for a few minutes-

Au revoir

ever your loving child

F

We are very much grieved to hear about Aunt Mai- I should like very much to hear again-

F

{attached fragment:}

[6]

I shall always remember the deep obligation I have to Saxton in re Salisbury, when every one else was too stupid, too cowardly or too interested to speak out -

9003/119 1f, pencil, initialled letter

Embley

Oct 7/69

[16:720]

My dear Sir Harry

The first real insight I have had about the Derby Infirmary is: *your* note.

I send you Mr. F. Wright's letter, because there is in it a message to you.

I have criticized & returned the plans (Alterations in the Old Building) which he there alludes to- but have added quite plainly the impression which yours has confirmed in my mind, viz. that they had much better build a new building- It will be cheaper in the end. It matters very little how they muddle over the old building, except the cost they are sure to incur- & which

will probably in the end have been enough to build a good Hospital  
You say truly: "the old Building is detestable- W.C.s airing themselves into the passages" &c &c -

They sent bad plans of a bad building for me to criticize. I did so- And they say I have sanctioned them. Next, they proceeded to do what was not in the plans - And then they made other plans which they want me also to sanction - And so on, and so on until they are in their right minds

[end]

I am very glad you gave that Miss Kilvert a little one of your gentle Lectures. She thinks herself a Goddess- And no one has contributed more to this undesirable end than - good Marianne Thornton.

ever yours F.N

9003/120 2ff, pencil, initialled letter [1:624]

35 South Street, Oct 22/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

How terribly sorry I am for Capt. Verney's misfortune I cannot say- it is such a serious thing for a man enthusiastically fond of his profession & aspiring in it- & he is such a fine fellow- But all this you know-

And I should be wanting in duty to mine (my profession: nurse to Her Majesty's Service) if I did not say that I think heroism as heroic in bearing wounds & amputations as in going into battle- And it is a far more signal patience which bears loss of limb at home than in the excitement of war -

If you would not think me a brute, I should say that it is well worth losing an Election & losing a foot to shew how a

brave man & a good man can act in both these trials- For, after all, it is not the object to go into heaven with two feet but to go there "enduring hardness," tried in patience, courage & goodness to the heroic degree - that is, having taken one's degree in virtue- Edmund must certainly come out a Master-

I shall be very anxious to hear that he goes on well for the next few days, if some one will be so good as to give me a word- You do not say what day it happened- I gather it was the 19th. [That is just 15 years since I was made Sup. Genl. to go to the Crimea.] With Edmund's kind of mind, I am sure that, if this unlucky gun was to go off, he is ten

thousand times happier that  
it should have shot him  
than that it should have  
shot his friend.

But none the less do I wish  
all shooting at the Devil-  
tho' I believe that is foolish,  
for certainly Englishmen are  
a great deal better for  
their love of field-sports &  
climbing Matterhorns -

One thing I can say - that it  
is 'no end' better for a young  
man (or woman either) to  
have even such a terrible  
accident as this, better for  
future health both of body  
& mind, than to have  
a long consuming sickness -

I will send your bulletins on to  
Papa- I left my mother  
wonderfully well- ever your  
in gt haste F.

9003/121 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 25/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

I am quite thankful to have  
your Saturday's account - &  
also this morning's-

One is always anxious till  
the first dressing & first  
few days are over.

Poor Mrs. Verney - she has  
had rather a rude  
experience of her first  
2 years of marriage- But  
I hope she will be  
enraged with me at  
calling her "poor"- And

I am sure she will think  
that she ought to be  
prouder of him (and of  
herself, I add) than  
of all the heroes of  
Balaclava who rushed  
to the charge this day  
Oct 25 15 years ago -  
I hope however she is  
keeping well, which is  
part of her duty in  
H.M.'s Service -  
[Your letter to Dr. Farre was

sent- & your 2 letters posted  
on Saturday, as soon as  
come.]

Mr. Savory is a very able  
man- And, if Mr. Paget  
was not to be had, I do  
not know that a better  
substitute could have  
been -

ever yours (anxiously)  
F.

9003/122 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 26/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be very glad to see  
Mr. Fitzjames Stephen, if he will  
be so good as to make an  
appointment -

You know that Office work  
*in bed* does not lend itself very  
well to convivial intercourse or  
any other - But, if he would  
make an appointment any time  
(*except* in the evening) a day or  
two before hand, I have no doubt  
I could keep it- If he asks  
*what* time, I would say 4 *p.m* -  
& leaving him to fix the day -  
(I do not know how soon they  
start.) But I would make it  
any other time: any day, if he  
will give me 2 or 3 days notice

We are not at all easy about our  
Indian Sanitary matters) (tho'  
Lord Mayo is very civil to me -)  
The retrenchments are making  
in the wrong direction -  
The cheapest thing they can do in  
the Military expenditure *is*  
*to save sickness & to save life.*  
Any retrenchment in Military  
& Sanitary expenditure, that is,  
in the contrary direction tends  
only to increase expence in  
replacing troops & incurring  
the necessity of sending them  
to Hill Station -

We are afraid Lord Mayo has  
a passion for Quarantine &  
(by this very mail) have heard  
from the very Medical Officers  
that he is incurring large

expenche in this way while  
a Government enquiry, authorized  
by the D. of Argyll, proves  
it to be an absolute absurdity.  
And that he is cutting off  
expenditure in the only  
preventives which can be  
of use -

I would not however tell Mr.  
F. Stephen the above  
prematurely- as he may  
think I am going to ask at  
once for £10,000,000 for Sanitary  
works- and "the Lord will  
"harden his heart" against me  
in the beginning. in that case-

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I had the great comfort of seeing

Mrs. Verney, tho' but for a few  
minutes- She looked as  
calm, as pleasant, as fresh,  
as pretty, as if she had  
just come from a Garden=  
party instead of from an  
Accident Ward -

There is a Nurse for you!!

I abdicate, I resign, I deliver  
up my functions to *her* as  
"Queen of the Nurses" (a  
letter reached me by post  
addressed "the Queen of the Nurses  
England"

from some Hindoos in the  
interior of India)

I was sorry however to see her  
looking more delicate than  
2 years ago.

I don't think her account of E. a bad  
one tho' I am afraid there  
is great suffering -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/123 4ff, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 11 Nov 1869}

*Private* {on diagonal} [1:572-73]

My dear Sir Harry

As you have been so good as to speak to me about that painful subject, the Railways, I cannot help venturing to say to you what I have always felt in myself

That it is a very great misfortune - a misfortune rendered greater by its being shared, I am told, by the vast majority of all those in England who have had anything to do with Railways, - is beyond a doubt -

But - there is no ~~misfortune~~ evil really in what makes a man more of a man - in what is not occasioned by our own lust of riches or ease or power our own bad passions -

[2]

As you may be perfectly sure that you did this for the good of the county & not for your own, I think that you should no more torment yourself about it than if you had lost a ship or an arm or a leg -

Even Philip, with the loss of the Spanish Armada, was *greater* than this.

Forgive me for saying this - Many times, in a public course which does not yet number 16 years, my life has been broken to pieces at my feet - as in 1861 when I lost both Sidney Herbert & A.H. Clough who were all the world to me And I have had, with broken heart & health, painfully to put the fragments of the wreck together again. At those times,

[3]

I have felt that, had there been the smallest grain of any ambition but that of *God's* service in the work I did with Sidney Herbert, I must have died or gone mad - Not being this I could only feel that that which still appears to me the most mysterious dispensation, misery never-to-be-forgotten is not really a misfortune in *God's* sight -

I think I have never spoken so much of myself before. Forgive me -

Were your trial to end in your going to Madras, to rule, for the good of the natives, a kingdom larger than Great Britain, I cannot but

[4]

say that, if it were I, I should look upon your Railway adventure as no evil but a great good no misfortune but the reverse - ~~But,~~ As I doubt your going, I will say no more about *that* - Excuse what I have said & burn it -

ever yours

FN

Embley

Romsey

11/9/69

9003/124 1f, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Nov 12/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Dear Pop

Please thank Mrs. Verney for her  
welcome note-

I was very sorry to hear of your cold  
but hope it is now going on well.

I was charmed with our N.W.  
defenders & also with the Two  
Nests- altho' shocked at your  
immorality in bringing over  
a *cousin* to make the 2nd. Nest.  
And indeed I do think  
"Annie" is too young - to marry.

Sir Harry was so good as to  
tell me many particulars which  
I wanted to know about the  
Accident ~~I think that~~  
you ~~fillig~~ them  
the words which Lord Brooke

applies to Sir Philip Sidney:  
yet did we not know whether  
the 'wrack of heavenly agony'.  
whereupon we all stood was  
more forced from us by  
admiration of him or by pity  
for his case -

I have knocked about thro' &  
over a good part of the  
world's accidents & sicknesses-  
yet scarcely remember ever to  
have known such simple  
cheerful heroism- & in his  
wife too -

I think she must esteem  
it worth the loss of a foot -

Thank God he is going  
on so well. And I think he  
has partly saved his life (or  
at least very serious complications)  
by his calmness of soul & body  
& his great presence of mind

9003/125 4ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Nov 22/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

Dear Mrs. Verney

I hope that you were not  
very much tired on Saturday.  
Your face is a good sight  
for sair e'en which being  
translated means, it is such  
a pleasure to an old woman  
like me to see your  
heavenly face.

Here are the Statistics  
you asked me for- And  
if they will be of any interest  
to Lady Sarah Williams, I  
shall be the more repaid.

[16:456]

Every year, in the Home

Army- taken on the last  
4 years for which returns  
are complete- we have  
729 men alive who  
would have been dead  
but for Sidney Herbert's  
measures- and 5184 men  
always on active duty  
who would have been  
"Constantly Sick" in bed.

At the Herbert Hospital  
we have (unfortunately for  
the Hospital) about 400  
Patients fewer than the  
Hospital was built for,

& 500 fewer than the  
'requisition' for sick  
accommodation was  
made for

And so, mutatis mutandis,  
with other Hospitals.

**[end]**

Taken on the last 2 years,  
the Death.rate of Bombay  
(Civil, Military & Native)  
is lower than that of  
London- the healthiest  
city of Europe.

And the Death.rate of  
Calcutta for the last 2  
years is lower than that  
of Liverpool or Manchester.  
This is the result of the last

3½ years' work- of the  
Drainage & Water-supply  
measures. &c.

Every body who has been  
absent from Calcutta  
for 3 or 4 years says,  
on returning to it, that  
no one would know the  
place again.

But there is a greater hope  
even than this:-

The Municipal Commissioner  
of Bombay writes that  
the "huddled native masses"  
"clamorously invoke" the  
aid of the Health Departmt.,  
if but one death from  
Cholera or Smallpox occurs-

[2]

- formerly half of them  
might be swept away  
& the other half thinks  
it 'all right'-  
now they attribute these  
Deaths to dirt, foul water  
& the like- & loudly  
declare that we ought to  
prevent them.

This we owe to Sir Bartle  
Frere, both while in India  
& since his return.

The Municipalities, Municipal  
Officers & Justices of Peace  
both of Calcutta & Bombay  
have worked nobly-

And the general success is  
due to Sir John Lawrence

The returns from the Army are also favourable. But still much remains to be done to save them from outbreaks of Cholera. Already from the uncompleted returns of this year we see that we have lost upwards of 700 men from Cholera alone. And it is to remove this that special efforts are now being directed

The "Bombay masses" are wiser than some of our Military authorities - or even than our Privy Council.

I send a copy of a letter from Dr. Livingstone to Sir Bartle Frere for Capt. Verney's amusement. [Dr. Livingstone's writing is almost illegible.] It does not contain much that is not in the Despatch to Lord Clarendon - but it is very characteristic of the man.

One of the Nurses whom we have sent to Netley was out with Dr. Livingstone & Bishop Mackenzie on the Zambesi Mission. She gave me what is, I should think, a faithful character of Livingstone- of his extraordinary power over

the Native races- thro'  
 qualities which seemed  
 something like St. Paul's )

Please be so good as to  
 return me Dr. Livingstone,  
 whom I think I will send  
 to Embley.

Please tell Sir Harry that  
 spiritually, or in the  
 non.natural sense,

I am, I suppose, sorry  
 not to have seen Mr.

Fitzjames Stephen - but  
 that materially, or in the  
 natural sense, I am, I am  
 afraid cowardly enough

to be glad. being over=  
 worked {printed address, upside down} Love, please  
 to all ever yours overflowinglly

Florence Nightingale

9003/126 3ff, pencil, initialled letter + note?

{printed address; arch: ? 26 Nov 1869}

I send a copy of a letter from  
 Dr. Livingstone to Sir Bartle  
 Frere (Dr. Livingstone's own  
 hand-writing is almost  
 illegible) which may interest  
 you & my mother.

It does not contain much  
 that is not in the Despatch  
 to Lord Clarendon- But it is  
 more interesting, as being  
 more characteristic of the man.

I *must* ask you, *please*,  
 to return it - as I have to  
 return it to Sir Bartle Frere  
 [One of the Nurses whom we  
 have just sent to Netley  
 was out with Dr. Livingstone &  
 Bishop Mackenzie on the

	<i>Miles</i>
Alexandria	
to Cairo	166½
Benisooef	77
Minieh	82½
Osyoot	94¼
Girgeh	88
Keneh	64
Thebes	48½
1st. Cataract	124
Derr (Nubia)	132½
Ipsamboul	47
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	924¼
to 2nd. Cataract	40
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From Alexandria } Miles...964¼	
to 2nd. Cataract }	

35 South Street, Nov 29/69  
Park Lane,  
W.

Thanks for the question about the plants-  
I send (by to-day's linen-box) a  
collection of flowers of Chrysanthemum,  
large, of various colours, petals  
curled as by fairy fingers,  
for the great Moody's information -  
A Lady Emily Williams - no  
connection of Lady Sarah-who  
has taken Sir Harry's house at  
32-- sent in to me with her  
"kind enquiries-" (I do not know  
her) these magnificent  
Chrysanthema -  
I am told they are of the easiest  
rearing-  
If Moody has any like these, I  
should be thankful to have  
them- If he has only

the common Chrysanthema, one buys  
those here in the street for less  
than carriage -

Store plants die on the road.

He will be the best judge  
whether he has anything that will  
do to send -

My own opinion is: that there  
is nothing till the spring bulbs  
come -

And I hope he will prepare  
plenty of slips of the common  
Scarlet Geranium for me next  
year - & common yellow Calceolaria  
Thanks.

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I do not share the feeling **[5:202-03]**  
at all which you attribute  
to me against the collection  
of Art Treasures -

In London, I think, one  
main business of such  
colossal fortunes as the  
Westminster's, the Sutherland's,  
the Ellesmere's, the Burdett  
Coutts', is: to be the  
gatherers depositaries of  
Art Treasures for the people -  
But then they must really  
throw open their galleries to  
the people- "man does not  
live by bread alone"- & our  
life would become sordid  
indeed, if it were only busied



9003/127 2ff, pencil, unsigned letter/draft {arch: Nov, 69}

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

My dear Sir Harry

In reply to your note:

St. George's has always been in trouble about his Nursing, ever since I can remember him at all He has been always advertising for Superintendents or Matrons- never finding them or never keeping them-

The situation is not indeed one which I should recommend a "competent" "lady" to accept, even if I had her to recommend.

They do not give their Matrons or Supt. the power to fulfil their responsibilities which we give to our Matron at St. Thomas', as you are aware, as Chairman of our Committee- The position of St. George's Matron is not indeed one in which she can perform her responsibilities-

Some years ago, I knew a good deal personally of the interior of St. George's- The matrons had no defined power- They were not indeed persons to whom you would delegate power

These persons are gone -

But, having been perpetually applied to by St. George's to recommend ~~Matrons~~ Superintendents, I believe I may safely say that the position now is little better than it was then -

Did I know an Agnes Jones, I should not recommend her to take St. George's for the sake of a "respectable home & employment"- I should recommend her to take a Hospital where the responsibilities, duties & powers of fulfilling them are such as we give

Mrs. Wardroper -

But I would not recommend a Supt. unless she had been *trained* & tested- And of course any such that we have, are engaged months & months beforehand -

If St. George's wishes us to *train* a Supt. for them, it will then be for you to decide (as Chairman) in connection with H.B Carter & Mrs. Wardroper whether you will train a Supt. *without* a few Head Nurses to go with

her to support her-

I doubt whether *I* would

I doubt whether I would take such a situation *myself*, unless in time of war or emergency.

But St. George's is in no emergency. Or rather he is always in an emergency -

9003/128 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter [8:536]

35 South Street, Dec 2/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

Mrs. Bracebridge I saw as she went through London. I thought her *slightly* better & less lame than last year. She told me not to write directing to *Folkstone* till she sent me her address, as they should move if they did not like their quarters- She never *has* sent me her address. If I wanted to write to her, I should address

Mrs. Bracebridge  
Atherstone

*to be forwarded*

I told her that my mother had frequently said to me 'could we not get Mrs. Bracebridge to Embley?' She was pleased but said her health was such that she could not go to a tree-y place during the autumn -

This, of course, does not hold for "after Christmas"- She is compelled, I know, only to drive out during sunshine - & to take care of herself in every way, alas! Tho' better, I think her much altered - far,

far more than my mother is  
tho' she is much your junior. [end 8:536]

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I have just sent my  
second third of £150  
(£50) to "F. Wright"  
(for the Derby Infirmary)  
by his desire- [the  
new Wing called after me  
is opened.] & told  
him that he may have  
the *third third* when  
he likes

ever your loving  
child F

What did Mr Moody say  
to the enormous Chrysanthema?

9003/129 2ff, pencil, signed letter

*Manufactory of Beef Tea*

35 South Street, Dec 16/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I do not feel myself very  
competent to answer your  
question- But what I  
believe to be true is this: -

The best Beef Tea, the most  
agreeable, wholesome & nutritious, is what  
is made *fresh & fresh* in the  
kitchen- Our best  
London Hospitals, I believe,  
do this.

I scarcely think that there  
would be a profitable outlet  
for Cattle in the shape of  
Beef Tea at our London  
Hospitals.

There are at present several

large manufactories, from which  
Beef Juice is sold, for  
making Beef Tea & Soups, -  
besides the Extract of Beef  
on Liebig's plan -  
You require Manufactory  
& skilled people to undertake  
it.

Beef Juice is made as part  
of a manufacture of cooked  
preserved meat- and,  
being part of a manufacture,  
it would probably be  
cheaper than if it were  
made by itself.

Beef Tea in the form of Jelly  
can scarcely be made so good  
& nutritious as you can make  
it on the spot when wanted.

I am told also that,  
notwithstanding good intentions,  
parts of the Beef find their  
way into the Jelly, even in  
the best manufactories,  
which a good Hospital Cook  
in making Beef Tea would  
reject.

I do not however feel myself  
now in my retirement  
so competent a witness, as  
I once was-

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

9003/130 2ff, pencil, initialled letter [5:533]

*Private* {on diagonal}

[1]

35 South Street, Dec 17/69 7.a.m.

Park Lane, {printed address}

*Mr Goschen* W.1

My dear Sir Harry

You kindly asked me  
whether I would not see Mr.  
Goschen -

I felt afterwards that it  
was perhaps a shirking (of an  
opportunity to do some good)  
*not* to accept your offer -

But I do not think that  
I could ask to see Mr. Goschen  
I think Mr. Goschen must ask  
to see me-

If you know him very  
well, & if you could kindly  
see him (*not* write to him)  
& give him the enclosed letter,  
that would be, I think, a sort

of introduction -

And I would much rather  
you told him that *you* had  
proposed the introduction  
and not I.

[Mr. Jowett, who is a friend  
of his, proposed the same thing.]

Mr. Goschen can, in his minutes & speeches, lay bare the whole state of the case, like a Registration Officer, so that *others* may grapple with it - but when he comes to the part where you expect *him*, the Statesman,

to deal with it, he stops -

His speech at Sion Coll: was like the *Torso* of Theseus. - a very good stump but without head or feet or hands.

Unless Mr. Goschen felt disposed to see me, I do not feel that I have the strength or eloquence to be likely to make any impression on him. certainly I have not enough to give his trunk a head-

ever yours  
F.N.

[end 5:533]

9003/131 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Dec 17/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

*Returned with thanks*

If my memory serves me,  
the "Wren" was a Golden=crested  
Wren- in the Pentons' time- in  
the old tree in the middle of  
the sweep opposite the  
Parsonage door- And Matilda  
Penton the Operator -

Now Golden=Crested Wrens  
lay not only "8 eggs" - But I  
have myself counted at Embley  
up to 13 and 16.

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I sent a copy of "Stone Edge" [1:337]  
to Miss Osburn, our Supt. at  
Sydney. She has read it  
*aloud* with great satisfaction

She is a Derbyshire woman -  
a Carr. She has made  
great friends with Lady  
Belmore, the Governor's and  
Mrs. Lambert, the Commodore's-  
wife- the latter a great friend  
of Jervis Giffard's -

[end 1:337]

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I find, on sending to Mr.  
Calvert's, that Sir Harry does  
not come up till tomorrow  
(Saturday.) If he has not  
started when you receive this,  
will you tell him that I  
will send some letters of mine,  
of some consequence to me,  
to him at Mr. Calvert's

for his arrival tomorrow?

I hope he will lunch here if convenient.

[The letter to his address at  
Claydon, which I send  
to.day, is merely an  
answer to an old question  
of his about Beef Tea  
Manufactories]

ever your

F.

Lord Napier of Magdala has  
been here- There *is* a jewel -

9003/132 2ff, incomplete?, pencil, initialled letter

{on diag.}

Private [2]

35 South Street, Dec 17/69

Park Lane, {printed address} 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>a.m.

W.1

*Dr Thompson*

My dear Sir Harry

We are extremely anxious to  
get one of the new Assistant  
Physicians=ships at *St. Thomas'*  
for Dr. Thompson, one of the  
Vincent Thompsons, son of the late  
Mr. Sergt. Thompson, & brother of Lady  
Brodie-

[In Blanch Clough's most serious  
Fever at Tenby, he was telegraphed  
for & by his incessant care &  
skill during a whole week  
saved her life, thanks be to God!]

To attain this, there are 3  
people to be conciliated at *St. Thomas'*

Mr. Hicks Treasurer

Sir W. Tite

Sir Musgrove President

[3]

*Private* {on diagonal} Dec.17.69  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.1

*Madras*

My dear Sir Harry

In relation to the Governorship [1:573]  
& to health for standing it,  
Sir B. Frere asked me your age -

I did not exactly know it -  
And I did not like to ask  
Parthe, because I thought she  
would think that I was  
furthering the matter- which  
I assure you I am not -  
It is much too vital an  
interest for me to meddle  
with.

yours  
F.N.

Did you not once tell me  
that *Sir W. Tite* was very  
much indebted to you  
for his Election?  
If you could kindly communicate  
with him, I would supply  
you with every particular  
about Dr. Thompson's  
Physic=al Career? -  
*Sir- Musgrove* - do you know  
or could you tell me how to get at ?

We are told that there is no  
time to be lost-

ever yours  
F.N.

9003/133 2ff, pencil, signed letter [1:625]

35 South Street, Dec 31/69  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Mrs Verney

or, may I say, Margaret?

On Tuesday, if you are in London,  
I hope to see you & Capt. Verney  
at this house. if all the  
imps & spirits of Poor Law &  
Public Offices were here -  
Please say what time you will  
come. And please say  
whether you will have  
luncheon or dinner- & at  
what hour -

Do you sleep in London? How  
I wish I could offer you beds-  
But I am myself turned out  
of my room (by a stupid  
accident or blunder) & am

living at the top of the house-

Please send all your  
parcels here = (One is come  
already, for Cpt. Verney's servant)  
And at least you can have  
the dining-room & little parlour  
here to yourselves for your business for the  
day. How I wish we  
could save you any fatigue!

I will write to-morrow -  
in great press of business,  
with dearest New Year's love  
& my poor prayers for the best  
New Year's blessings on you  
& all you care for

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

9003/134 2ff, pencil, signed letter {arch: ?December ?1809}

35 South St. Friday 8.a.m

My dear Capt. Verney

I am afraid I never can forgive you - certainly not within the present century for having passed me by, when you found No. 32 was flown, & gone hunting among the heather & the Philistines for a lodging.

Sir Harry had not gone from this house 3 hours when you came - And you & Mrs. Verney might have succeeded to his empty rooms so well.

It seems such a poor welcome back to send you to look for lodging elsewhere And I am quite certain that, during all your 6 months away, you have not met with such inhospitality- There's not a Fella in: all Egypt but would have taken you in -

I did not hear of your having been here

till nearly an hour afterwards - I sent after you directly- But of course then you were housed.

But you shall be punished for it -

You *shall*. I will pursue you "to the confines of eternity".

May I venture to suggest (what I dare say you have done already) that, *if* you ought to be guided entirely by what Mr. Savory says- if he wishes you to stay 2 or 3 days in London for him to see "Stumpy" several times - you ought And I am sure Mrs. Verney will agree with me in this. I hope that you & she would spend them here, as Sir Harry does not return here till

Monday or Tuesday -

I had charming letters from Mr. Fred and the "ladye" Maude yesterday. And if you had stayed here you should have seen them -

(Indignantly but open to reason)  
ever yours & Mrs. Verney's  
F. Nightingale

9003/135 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter {arch: ?69} bundle  
150

Dearie

I am afraid I have not a chance of seeing  
you before you go-

I cannot speak or move without pain.

I am told that I must live entirely by rule,  
if I am to live at all -

And it is much better for me that there should  
be not doubt about it- that I have no hesitation  
open to me -

The least thing upsets me

'Non udir, non sentir m'è gran ventura'-

After that message of Burch on Sunday, I was  
retching till 2 in the morning -

Dr. Sutherland repeated the operation on Tuesday by  
staying over my poor little hour of rest -  
& with the same result to me -

And I have to begin work at 7.30 a.m-

whether I have been sick all night or not -

Indeed, for the last week, I have not been free  
from this retching (not vomiting) a single  
night.

It quite wears me out -

I am told it is not an uncommon result of  
an over worked brain & heart (I mean the organ)

revenging itself in this way- at the least  
extra pressure - the least agitating message  
or effort

I am glad you are going out of town - I am  
quite sure it is vain to try to get well  
if you do what you did last Sunday -

I have a reason for wishing to be told (if  
you could tell me) anything you thought  
about Id. Stanley- when you saw him -

I like your Avonhoe very much. It has the  
true literary ring- But how could you  
let little Quick die? I never could have let  
poor Bismark die, (as they have done at  
Embley)

Where are you going to?

If you like to read the enclosed, do -  
 If not, please return it to me- Any how  
 I must ask for it back to-day -

Any comments thankfully received, if you  
 read it -

What *shall* I say to Miss Wilson? - She  
 has taken such immense trouble for us -  
 But I cannot have myself quoted in  
 the "Monthly Packet" especially if I am  
 to write in "Good Words"-

I look upon Miss Yonge's school as the  
 very weakest milk & water of High Church=  
 ism - while Miss Jones, (late of King's  
 College,) is the noble army of ye High Church  
 She is the only one who has ever carried  
 out an useful organization - She is as  
 much a General as Sir R. Napier -

I wish *I* could go out of London -  
 But I quite made up my mind last week  
 that I would '*disappear*,' (as last December,) the

9003/135 1f, incomplete?, pen, unsigned letter/draft

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I am often urged to have  
 "Medical advice."  
 I accede -

The first thing any "Medical  
 adviser" says, from his own  
 observation of what is going on,  
 is: What is all this going on?  
 - what are those incessant  
 door-bell rings? - have I not  
 told you that this sort of  
 thing must not be - that  
 absolute quiet is essential for  
 your work, if not for your life?

It is no use sending for me.  
 or my giving you Morphia -  
 - You must send for silence &  
 regularity -  
 One said: "~~Bless~~ bless my soul -  
 how could you be such a fool?"  
 [I was then racked with Neuralgia]  
 & wholly without natural sleep -

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I assure you, dear Sir Harry,  
that *the only* question is now:-  
whether, by observing the  
"extremest quiet," my present  
life & work can be kept on -  
- and *not* whether my strength  
will bear the kind interruptions  
& variations of my friends,  
however gladly I would welcome  
them.

*That* has been decided by a  
Higher Power than any of us -  
to whose Will I wish to bow  
with what cheerfulness I may.

= I would almost ask you *not*  
to acknowledge this letter-

I cannot expect that your sense  
of the matter will agree with mine

9003/137 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: ?69}

Sunday.

Dearie

I have Mrs. Bracebridge coming to-day  
at 3- And the odd part of it is that we  
do not know whether Mr. Jowett is coming or  
not- I have not had the Sacrament for 2 or 3  
months- And he (he preaches in London this  
morning) offered to come, of his own accord, to-day  
No hour was named. And, tho' Mrs Bracebridge  
is coming to take the Sacrament, I have not  
the least idea whether he comes or not. not  
having heard from him since.

I am afraid I could see no one else to-day  
I hope to have several opportunities  
of taking the Sacrament with you & of seeing you.

very sorry

your

F.

9003/138 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Thursday {arch: ?69}

Park Lane, {printed address;}

W.1

Dearie

1. Godson Carl's name is:

Carl Fliedner -

Many thanks about the knife

2. You are quite welcome to take all the books in the house, "dirty" or not dirty, if you please.

[Because I don't suppose my *usual* reading will interest you & yours]

But, if you will be so good as always to leave a little pencil note with the titles of the Books, so taken- That is all that is necessary -

It seems almost certain now that M. Mohl's book has disappeared in this way -

And it has happened to me that people have borrowed books out of my own rooms, without telling me, & returned them into the Dining-room (where I never go) without telling me.

3. I return Spectator- with many thanks -

4. Mrs. Cowper's American book is up-stairs -

You must wait for it, please, till I can go up -

I am so pressed by business that I hardly know what to do

The whole Liverpool Workhouse business is on us again.

5. Please return me Mr. Rawlinson's letter -

6. You know that I have not the Cornhills-

F.

Wellcome 9004, microfilm,

9004/1 2ff, pen, signed letter, bundle 147

35 South Street, New Year's Day  
Park Lane, 1870  
W.1 {printed address}

My dear Mrs Verney

I write a line to say that I have "inspected" my (empty) bed-room - that I think it will be quite dry enough on Tuesday to sleep in without danger - that, if you will let me know, I will put up 2 small beds in it for you on Tuesday - (it is now denuded of earthly goods, in order to hasten the drying) that this will entail no trouble except on the workman who puts up the beds -

& that it would make me very happy -

I am sure that Sir Harry & my sister will agree with me that you ought not to tire yourselves (after a day's business in London) by going on to Folkstone to sleep, just on the eve of a long journey -

I did not mean to have re-occupied the room myself till Tuesday or Wednesday - therefore you see you are not 'ousting' me or giving me anything but a great pleasure,

if you will -

I have also a dressing-room for Capt. Verney - & the Dining-room at your entire disposal - if you will tell me at what hour you please to come -

I seem to have no idea but 'drying' in my brains. For we are getting the new

Highgate Infirmary dry for taking in  
St. Pancras' Pauper Patients  
as fast as we can - I think  
our Matron, there, is a second  
Agnes Jones. We hope to "take in,"  
next week -

Will you tell Sir Harry  
that Mr. Goschen has been  
here?

-that I have also some other  
things to tell him about  
when I see him?-

I was very glad to hear of  
his enjoying his skating -  
For I did not think him  
looking well - 2 or 3 weeks ago-

With every New Year's love  
in great haste  
ever your affecte. old  
'Aunt'

Florence Nightingale

9004/2 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:625-26]

35 South Street, Jan 4/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

I write one line to say  
that 'Edmund & Margaret'  
are off, looking as well &  
happy & active as possible -  
He is a little changed, I can't  
quite say in what - but  
looks in sound health -  
I preached a little - but did  
not like to preach ~~too~~  
violently, lest she should be  
always sparing him & he  
should be always sparing  
her- But I told him  
that, tho' he has made one  
of the quickest recoveries  
that ever have been made,

he is also making one of the  
quickest exertions that  
ever was made - that,  
as long as the wound is  
not firmly healed, he must  
not think of any active  
exertion - must keep his  
foot up - & not go into  
strange places - & that,  
as long as he has any  
nervous pain in the stump,  
(tho' he has much less than

others,) he must remember  
that the vital system has  
not recovered the shock  
& feel for it accordingly

*Du reste*, the open air, any thing which contributes to his health, to appetite & digestion enough to feed himself *well*, is the best Doctor -

I am glad he saw Savory to.day, who is a sound opinion, & I believe preached much in this sense -

As for his wife, she is a sort of heavenly-minded young woman - I don't know that I ever saw any one quite like her. **[end 1:626]**  
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I am afraid I could not see Mrs. Stephen, thanks- I

have had more people to see this winter than ever since 1861- And I am less & less able to see any people except on precise & definite business. General Propagandism is quite beyond me now -

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I am glad you are going this week to Embley -

I will read & return the Cunningham- thanks

At this moment I am quite in arrears of business  
ever your

F.

"Margaret's" last words were: "We have **[1:626]** been so *happy* in our visit to Claydon"  
And I do believe this is true

9004/3 2ff, incomplete?, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 132

*Confidential* {on diagonal}

[1]

35 South Street, Jan 7/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

Thanks for this very interesting letter.

"grey twilight softer than sleep"-  
Shall I ever know again in this life  
what it is to say anything but at the  
morning twilight: it is not yet light,  
& oh how it hinders my work to write  
by candle light in bed? & at the  
evening twilight: it is already dark  
& o h what pain it gives me to write  
by lamp light in this position?-

2. We have always urged that the  
"Local Govts. should have their own  
budgets"-

3. What a pity that so able &  
intelligent a man should not get  
up the Sanitary subject thoroughly!  
~~This letter ably~~

This letter ably points out the  
results of neglecting the first Sanitary

laws, which have been repeatedly  
pointed out to them, in India.  
Repeatedly it has been urged upon  
them, officially, & with the  
strongest evidence & reasons -  
*to examine every Station* in  
certain definite things, & to  
improve each in turn -

It was distinctly told them &  
proved to them by giving them  
experience & facts: -- - - that  
~~that~~ to build new Barracks where  
wanted was only one element-  
that, if these new Barracks were  
built on old *fouled* ground,  
without pure water=supply,  
without &c &c & ("the proverb is  
somewhat *musty*") (or rather  
somewhat nasty)

the men would be no healthier in the new Barracks than in the old. & the vast expence would have been just so much money thrown in to the *cess-pit*.

In spite of this, standard Barracks were ordered everywhere on totally unexamined ground - rather, on ground which was known to be foul, & without any of the first of Nature's requisites for health. And the result is: that, to use their own words, they will have to begin again.

I have been latterly in correspondence with a member of Lord Mayo's own Govt. by his own desire about this

In regard to the cases cited in the letter

he does not appear to know that, at Meean Meer Cholera arose

from what could not *be* tolerated in the most temperate climate without producing Cholera: - the Barracks were drained into cess-pits - the drinking-water for the men was drawn *out of wells in the same ground-* & was actually contaminated with sewage matter- Also: the cess-pits were so near the quarters that direct nuisance arose in the quarters from them.

At *Allahabad*, the new Barracks were built on land *saturated with the filth of centuries*. And the first fruits of our Cholera enquiry was: to report home this pleasant fact.

[Lord Napier of Magdala told me also that they had moved a Regiment *affected with Cholera* into them.]

9004/4 2ff, incomplete?, pencil?, unsigned letter [1:735-36]

35 South Street, Jan 9/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

I have really had not a moment to answer yours which, as it is the *third* letter which states that I have "emptied your larder," I suppose desires an answer.

May I state the facts?-

1. £150 a year is the average sum I pay for my 'boxes" from Embley. *including Carriage.*

[This annual sum is sometimes more, sometimes less- It would be wasting your eyes & my time to go into particulars-]

Of these, the *Washing* is, as you know, paid for out of the £150.

Of these, every bit of *Meat, Bacon, Chine, & Chickens* is paid for-

[Before I made the arrangement

for Mutton with Embley, I did not pay for the bits of Bacon &c &c sent me - By my own desire these are now added to the *Paying List*, which I pay you every quarter.]

On the day you last told me I had "emptied your larder," I received (not by my own desire) 1 saddle Mutton- in the hamper of Evergreens for the Highgate Infy.- - besides the ordinary weekly "Leg"- This was weighed by my Cook & entered by me, as well as the "Leg," in this Quarterly Acct. for Meat kept by me against myself.

[Since I have been cooking at this house for my excellent Deputy at the Highgate Infy. & sending it up cold, I have always had to

purchase the *de quoi*- Whether I have bought it of you or of the London shops, I have always paid for it.

This is now just over, because the Guardians have appointed the Cook. But I had to provide the first meals of all our Nurses there.]

I have had also double (& more) allowance of game during this latter time (-a fortnight.)- I offered some time ago to pay for the game. You told me it was intended as a present.

The only other "emptying of your larder" that I have occasioned that I know of is: that some joints of meat were sent thro' me, addressed to destination unasked for, on St. Thomas Day. That is the only meat I am certain which ~~filled~~ has ever come from you, *unpaid* for, here. I wish I had weighed them at the time. But

I can guess at the weight within a few oz. And I have already added them to the Acct. I keep against myself, to be paid to you, at Lady Day [I should have paid for them before, but, as they were 2. all directed to the persons for whom they were intended, I thought that they were meant as a present to these, & that the carriage simply was meant to be paid by me- which carriage amounted to £2.odd. that week alone.

2. Of the Mince pies & Buns I have only the same thing to say. They were sent in hampers addressed to the persons for whom they were intended. Buns I could have bought at our Baker's for 1d. a piece. Mince Pies we could have made (& did make) in my own kitchen for my servants & *clients*. I paid for the carriage about 6 times as much

9004/5 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

*Private* {on diagonal}

35 South Street, Jan 11/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I return you with many thanks Sir. Tite's letter- I have no doubt he is honest- i.e. that he does not mean to favour any other application first- I think he would be honest for love of you - But I hear (& have heard from the first) from Head Quarters at St. Thomas' that we ought to be first in the field, because men of St. Thomas' own school would obtain the priority in appointments. We have now done all we

could for the moment - And

I thank you -

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I am sure that you will not [9:901]  
make any motion in the  
House on the subject of the  
"Hills"- without fully  
consulting first with Sir  
Bartle Frere- & also, if possible,  
with Lord Napier of Magdala-  
It is a policy entirely  
reversing that of the R-  
Commission, presided over  
1. by Sidney Herbert 2. by  
Lord Stanley- which was based  
on the fullest & largest evidence  
ever taken-

in the world - which  
 every year's evidence &  
 every year's experience has  
 more & more firmly  
 corroborated - as well as  
 every successive Ruler of India  
 It would be stultifying all  
 our strenuous efforts of  
 11 years - & without any  
 evidence except that of the R.E.  
 & Commanding Officers whose  
 own almost guilty neglect  
 has been the cause of many of  
 ye outbreaks of Cholera -

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No doubt you know about the  
 Hooghly Fever- It is the old  
 story. But Lord Mayo's Govt.  
 (as one of its members who  
 is in correspondence with me

about it tells me) are going  
 to pass an Act to enable  
 us to deal with the  
 proprietors on whose lands  
 the Fever is bred- which  
 no one even pretends is  
*not preventible* - Some  
 hundreds of thousands will  
 probably die first -

[end 9:901]

ever yours

F.N.

I should be glad to know what  
 you hear of Edmund. I felt  
 not a little anxious at his  
 going abroad without his  
 sailor=servant. We never  
 allow amputations to hop  
 about or hang down the  
 limb much till the stump  
 is *firmly* healed. FN

9005/6 2ff, pen, initialled letter [8:471]

Jan 17/70

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I should have been much interested in re-reading the Medical Vol: but found, after keeping it a fortnight, that I had not a chance of even cutting its leaves - so sent it to-day by Linen-box.

I read the Addresses at the time they came out, as reported in the newspapers

The only one that is considered of any scientific value is, as I dare say you know, Prof: Haughton's - Dr. A. is called 'Barnum' by the authorities-

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He wrote to me (about a fortnight ago) about the "Contagious Act"-

I answered, gravely & circumstantially.

A benevolent lady of indistinct ideas & of total ignorance of her subject, who appears to be the wife of Dr. Rumsey of Cheltenham (one of Dr. A's colleagues) wrote me a day or two afterwards a violent declamation against myself for my signature of the petition against the "Act"-

I answered calmly with Statistics - which I knew she was quite incapable of understanding but which I administered on the principle that Sir S. Baker gave a dose of Tartar Emetic to all his Arab importunates for medicine- the which choked them off for a week at least

Wellcome Ms 9003

572

My letter appears to have  
had the same effect on  
Dr. A.

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Mrs. Sutherland is anxious  
that I should mention to

Capt. Verney that Mursch  
 the excellent courier-servant  
 who attended A.H. Clough  
 abroad on his last journey-  
 & then Mrs. Sutherland's  
 brother the same,- is now  
 at liberty & in London-  
 I mention it to you, but  
 scarcely suppose that they  
 would, if they take a  
 foreign servant, as I most  
 earnestly hope they will,  
 bring him from here  
 ever your loving  
 F

9004/7 1f, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 29/70  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.

My dear Sir Harry

My father thinks that  
 there is some idea of your  
 letting your house (altogether-)  
 this Session-

Whether this be so or not,  
 will you kindly remember  
 your engagement to me, viz -  
 to inhabit the top bed-room  
 & dining-room here for all  
 or part of a Session, whenever  
 it is convenient to you  
 & oblige your always affecte.

Florence Nightingale

Love to my mother  
 & Parthe

9004/8 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Jan 1870} bundle 147 [1:193-94]

Saturday

Dearest mother

*Tomorrow* Mr. Jowett comes to give me the  
 Sacrament at 3. I had asked Mrs. Bracebridge  
 who is to be in town (from Sat. till Monday only)  
 to join us, when I had not the least idea  
 that you would stay over Sunday in London -  
 I cannot bear that my dearest mother should  
 be so near & not join us, if she likes it.

At the same time, I cannot bear that she should be with me & I not speak to her. But the fatigue to me of taking the Sacrament is so great that I do not even see Mrs. Bracebridge. I think it is one of the greatest afflictions not

to be able to take the Sacrament at church,  
because there you need not speak to any one ,  
I am obliged to see Mr. Jowett afterwards.

ever dearest mum  
your loving child

F.

Perhaps you could take Mr. Jowett back to  
his house after the Sacrament -

9004/9 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

*Private* {on diagonal}

35 South Street, Feb 12/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot thank you  
enough for what you have  
done about Mr. Cardwell  
& D. Galton -

But Mr. Cardwell must  
ask Capt Galton to stay  
on the Army Sanitary Comm:

Or- how can he?-

It is this which has  
already put us in the  
greatest difficulty - (this  
queerness of Mr. Cardwell's)

Lord de Grey thoroughly  
understood that Mr. Cardwell

must ask Capt. Galton to  
stay on the Commission,  
& believed that he had  
induced Mr. Cardwell to  
do so - [Lord de G-  
wrote me 2 kind little  
notes to say so - the latest  
on Feb 2.]

Since then, a most important  
Meeting of the Commission  
had to be called - And  
Capt- Galton could not  
attend- Me he told in  
confidence that it was

because he Capt. G- had not been asked by Mr. Cardwell to remain on the Comm:

How *could* he attend? -  
In consequence, we managed not to have the Meeting-  
[It was the meeting of a Sub-Committee, on which without Capt. Galton we could do nothing.]  
If you could manage to tell Mr. Cardwell (which you will know how to do much better than I) that it is no use his saying that "he has made no

"change," unless he notifies to Capt. Galton that *it is so*, & unless he, Mr. Cardwell, requests Capt. G- to make "no change," & to remain on the Comm:,  
you would be doing the work an important service - & Mr. Cardwell too (who really seems not to know what he is about.

ever yours  
F.N.

*Private*

9004/10 1f, pen?, initialled letter

*Private* {on diag.}

35 South Street, Feb 12/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W. I

My dear Sir Harry

I fear that it would scarcely be wise to "talk the subject over" (of Capt. Galton) with Lord de Grey -

He would tell you that he has done all he could with Mr Cardwell.

And he would *not* tell you that Mr. Cardwell has a jealous antipathy to his (Lord de Grey's) interference

Wellcome Ms 9003

577

at the War Office -

[Neither did HE tell me  
this]

I can quite understand

that you may not think it  
well to speak to Mr  
Cardwell again -  
Because, if Mr. C. said to you  
that he will not ask  
Capt. Galton, that would  
shut us up altogether.

If I were to see you for 10  
minutes, I might perhaps  
be able to explain this  
better -

ever yours  
F.N.

9004/11 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [1:268]

35 South Street, Feb 13/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

x x x x

I am afraid that you are very  
cold up o'th top o'th nob -  
not that I think snow and  
East wind disagreeable or ugly  
at Lea Hurst. The last winter  
I spent at home I spent  
with you there - in a deep  
snow & liked it very much

Here there is a tremendous  
North Easterly gale - too much  
of a gale to leave fog - hard  
frost & driving snow -

But this is not nearly so  
trying as the dense dark  
London fogs of January -  
darkness all the 24 hours -

Sir John McNeill has been  
through London on his way  
to Italy - for health - I am  
sorry to say -

He came to see me last  
Sunday. He is 75.

I cannot see the least  
difference in the vigour of  
his mind- the excellence of  
his judgment - the accuracy  
of his memory & attention -

As I told him, to see him  
is at once to me the highest

Wellcome Ms 9003

579

hope & the deepest pain -  
It reminds me of the days  
when a great career was

just begun (Sidney Herbert's-)  
 when we were full of the  
 highest purposes & the  
 most successful plans -  
 Since then, all our hopes  
 seem blasted, & all our  
 plans destroyed -  
 Still when we look at  
 India & what it was  
 15 years ago, when we  
 look at the Army & what  
 it was 15 years ago, we  
 must hail a great progress  
 And who am I that I  
 should complain if we  
 have not had more?  
 [I will send you a letter  
 that I have had since,  
 from Sir. J. McNeill, if you  
 will return it me.]

=

Mrs. Bracebridge is in London  
 on their way back to  
 Atherstone - She says she  
 has had a good winter at  
 Hastings - I cannot think  
 her less lame -

=

Sir Harry looks better.

I read Bishop Temple's  
 recantation - Poor Wretch!  
 I suppose there is joy  
 among the Devils over  
 one more Bishop that  
 degradeth himself -  
 at least there is among  
 the Puseys & Denisons -

9004/12 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

To-day is the second anniversary of  
 Agnes Jones' death  
 35 South Street, Feb 19/70  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W. I

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be extremely glad  
 if you will shew kindness

to *Dr. Cunningham* -

His address is:  
*18 Manchester Street.*

But he goes out of town  
from to=-day till Monday -

On Tuesday he goes down  
to Scotland to see his "old  
mother" whom he has  
"not seen for 18 years"-  
but hopes to be back within

the week-

He is extremely eager about our work & proposes to let us cut out his time for him during his very short leave of absence -

I like him much.

=

I have a note from my father this morning, saying that he comes to you on Monday-

=

I have not forgotten about "Cardwell's proposed Bill" - but have been so pressed by unavoidable business-

ever yours

FN

I return Margaret's charming Journal with many thanks.

9004/13 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

*Burn*

35 South Street, Feb 19/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be very glad to see you on the subject of "Cardwell's proposed Bill"-

But it will be rather to hear what you have to say than to say anything myself -

For I have nothing to say-

I do not see how you can oust & alter Cardwell's Bill, unless you oust or alter Cardwell -

It is Cardwell whom you have to get rid of (at the War Office) & not his Bill-

His Bill is the inevitable result of what has gone before - And the inevitable result of both is - - failure.

I can say nothing about his Bill, because it is as if Archbp Manning were to ask me how to manage the Ecumenical Council - I could only answer, (as Punch does,) in one word: *Don't*.  
If a fervent Protestant is asked an opinion about R Catholic measures, what else can be answered but-

Don't?

If I who shared with Sidney Herbert all his plans,  
whose main principle was: to perfect every  
Department of the War Office separately & then to

bring the whole under the direct & immediate hand of the Secretary of State, am asked how best to reverse this entire policy - what can I answer but: Don't- Sidney Herbert gave in the Cabinet - in his evidence before Parliamentary Committees - before R. Commissions - in every possible way - he, the best, the *only* War Office administrator we have ever had - this opinion - that one Secretary of State in the Ho: of Commons of ordinary powers was quite enough to manage the business, both administrative & Parliamentary Sir G. Lewis, tho' a very inferior administrator, gave the same opinion.

It is true that, if you change the Secretary of State 4 times in one year, (as has been done since I have been in the War Office,) you can hardly expect him to master all the business in 3 months -

But the War Office is now a perfect avalanche

which no one can stop & which would crush me (who have too much other work to do already) if I were to put a finger in it - Mr. Cardwell- & Sir J. Pakington before him- upset Sidney Herbert's work by bringing the Departments which he had so carefully organized separately (like the fingers of the Secretary of State's hand) under one Control Office. i.e. under a separate hand.

[The Control Office is already a break-down.]

And then Mr. Cardwell wants to introduce 2 or 3 permanent Parliamentary men - into the War Office (because he says, he can't do the business - he is incompetent to carry it on - which is perfectly true)

How are these new men to arrange their relations with the Control Office?

Nobody knows.

They have got rid of the only man who could help them- viz. Capt. Galton

And, should there be a war, there will be a catastrophe to which that of the Crimea will have been as nothing -

Like a famous politician of the last generation, I should say: I could not have conceived anything worse than Sir J. Pakington's administration, if I had not seen Mr. Cardwell's- And- I should

have thought that there could be no administration as bad as Mr. Cardwell's, if I had not see Sir J. Pakington's. As for Ld. Northbrook, - - but I knew something of his doing during the 6 months he was under Sidney Herbert. Even then, he was an "obstructive" & a prig- the worst of prigs - [To-day. they sent to ask me ~~question~~ to solve a problem about Hospital Supply. But- to solve the problem you must just undo all that the Control Office has done - & restore that which S. Herbert so carefully organized.]

The curious part of the whole matter is this: Genl. Balfour was put, on account of his Indian good work, into the War Office to do there *just the reverse* of what he did in India -

And he has done it-  
Sir Storke, on account of his Scutari good work,  
ditto ditto ditto ditto -  
Mr. Cardwell, who professes to be a friend of Sidney Herbert, has *exactly reversed* all that Sidney Herbert had done -  
The War Office is a cyclone- And I keep out of it

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Feb 20/70

If you have 10 minutes to spare this afternoon, (Sunday) please tell me- ever yours FN

9004/14 1f, pen?, initialled letter

Feb 28/70

My dear Sir Harry  
I return Margaret's charming Journal. which I ought to have returned before -

Also: the Old Soldier's little Sermon. I have scarcely had time to read it- And I should like to have a copy of it. but cannot make one - *Could you ask Jemmy Watson at Embley to make one? - & send it me? -*

To my family it is touching from its mention of me. but to me it seems (tho' I am grateful to my old friends, the soldiers, for their recollection of me) about the best Sermon I ever heard *in itself* ever yours

FN.

9004/15 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Thursday {arch: c. Feb 1870}  
 Park Lane, [printed address]  
 W. I

My dear Sir Harry

1. I am so distracted with business that I am afraid I could not see you to-day at all- And at all times my poor head is too weak to listen to reading aloud, even of letters, thanks. But I should be charmed to see Margaret's Cairo letter, when you can spare it  
 I have business again every day this week -  
 But if you are in 32 on Friday or Saturday about 3, I should hope to see you "for 10 minutes"-  
 I return Margaret's 2 charming letters

2. Thank Parthe very much for the print--stand come back

The Cameron Watts is very fine- almost like a Rembrandt -

Richmond has, I am sorry to feel, quite missed Margaret's heavenly expression - for she *is* a heavenly young woman. & so exaggerated or caricatured her profile as to make her just what she is not. Her countenance, tho' not her face, is like a Fra Angelico -

3. Thank you for your notice about Mr. Bruce. We were quite aware that there were as many Medical

[8:474]

*opinions* on the one side as on the other.

But that is just what we deprecate - That is just why the best men will not allow themselves to be used as witnesses -

Some men have said that *in their OPINION legislation is necessary* & that *in their OPINION legislation will do what is required.*

This without facts - or even in spite of facts Some men on the other side deny both conclusions altogether -

Who is to decide? -

Clearly there must be enquiry - a real investigation into *facts*. not a controversy of *opinion* -

[Controversy, as Faraday said, never did any good.]

*Opinion* has been substituted for investigation. [Miss Garrett has fallen into this error to that degree that men who *have* knowledge, say of her: that she willingly & knowingly writes for those who are ignorant - too ignorant to understand her

fallacies.]

If Mr. Bruce is merely going to accumulate more  
*opinions*, he had better let it alone, surely- don't you think?

**[end 8:474]**

4. Thank Parthe for Emily Cunningham's Extract.  
We have Monthly Statistics of *Children* - one of the  
Returns we instituted.

Till they have done what we required, viz  
drainage where drainage is necessary,  
agricultural improvements, tree-planting on  
the treeless plains, no improvement in health,  
no diminution in Epidemics is possible -

But Miss C.'s statement is too vague for us to  
be able to make any use of it, I am sorry to  
say - I wish we could!

5. I am sorry that I cannot recommend any one whom I *know*  
for Mr. Grant Duff (whom I re-inclose.)  
[I have had these applications before.]  
But I am not sure that I would if I could.  
It must be the merest chance if one is able to  
speak to all those qualities- And it must be  
the chance of chances, if such a phoenix happened  
to be able & willing to be out at Madras *just +2 months hence*  
[I have however a note of it]

We always stipulate now *for a year's notice*  
at our (Nurse) Training School.

When I think how we find a year's trial &  
training all too little, how often we are  
deceived & disappointed in persons when they

are launched on their own responsibility, even  
*after* that year's training & trial,  
I can but sit down in humbled amazement  
when I see persons recommending others after  
3 months' trial after a week's,- after even  
an hour's interview -

Never again shall we (with my consent) do  
what we have sometimes done at Mr- Rathbone's,  
at Sir Wm Heathcote's, at other's earnest  
requests, take a person whom they or we  
have found - anyhow, get her appointed patch  
her up with 2 or 3 or 4 month's training &  
send her to her destination-

Liverpool Workhouse is a total failure - dear  
Agnes Jones' work totally wrecked (in 2 years!!)  
So is Winchester Hospital Nursing.

6. Thanks for the charming little "Partridges"-  
(-"Good Words for the Young" - which I return)  
I perceive that I have so mixed you up both - that  
you must please take this letter for both.  
I was sorry that I did not know that Parthe was  
there. But I was so tired having been at  
work with Dr. Sutherland all the morning & seen

Wellcome Ms 9003

589

Mrs. Bracebridge (who is in town only for a few  
days) that they did not tell me till after P. was  
gone - ever yours

FN

9004/16 1f, pencil?, signed letter

35 South Street, Mar 2/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry to trouble you -  
but my father has returned  
me the enclosed "Valuation"  
paper with 4 columns not  
filled up.

Can you kindly tell me  
how to fill them up?

1. With regard to "Sewers' Rate",  
I enclose my card.

I suppose it is 8/4 (which  
I have inserted in pencil)

Must I put down *by whom*  
paid?

2. With regard to "Annual Value,"  
35 is rated (in this card) at £200,

on another at £180- And  
what "Annual Value" exactly  
means I do not know-

With regard to the other two  
columns not filled up,

I am quite in the dark-  
Please return me the whole,  
card & all

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9004/17 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

March 3/70

My dear Sir Harry

I am *always* "inclined" to see you -  
But - the spirit is willing & the flesh is  
weak - weaker than usual -

I have been so overworked, so  
"interviewed" for the last 3 weeks that  
I must give myself rest now from all  
business that is not *indispensable* & from  
all pleasure altogether, & "inclinations"-  
=

As for "Army Estimates," they are not  
now sent to me, as they used to be -  
And I am glad of it. I feel that,  
while it harrows up the past to a degree

painful beyond description & which people can hardly enter "into", I  
could do no possible good- by putting  
in my oar-

The British Lion sits in his den - **[10:105]**  
& employs the asses to prevent him from

doing things. or to prevent things  
from being done -

Lord Mayo & the D. of Argyll are  
legitimate descendants of the British  
Lion - But Mr. Cardwell is not  
even this- Even if he is not the  
British Ass, tout pur, he is a very spurious  
off spring of the British Lion -  
In order not to break my heart, I limit  
myself now entirely to the business I have  
undertaken- the Sanitary - in the War Office.  
Have you any reason to think that  
Dr. Sutherland's position will be  
attacked on the Estimates?

[end 10:105]

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I think that you will make a very  
good speech on the subject you

propose -

We entirely agree on  
1. enlisting for 5 years in Infantry  
2. Reserve Force  
3. separate Army for India.

=  
I believe Mr. Jowett is coming to  
give me the Sacrament on Sunday  
at 12-

Would your or Parthe (or both) like  
to come? R.S.V.P.

ever yours  
F.N.

9004/18 1f, pencil, initialled letter

March 4/70

My dear Sir Harry

You could not, without trouble,  
lay your hand on Lord Napier of  
Magdala's letter to you, of which my  
father told me? - & send it me?-

I am afraid that I have made  
some mistake & that he, Ld. Napier,  
expected me to write to him about  
an appointment to see him -

I have not his address -

ever yours  
F.N

9004/19 1f, pen, unsigned letter

March 8

Dearie

With regard to the Shetland shawls:

1. the address was *not* enclosed in your note, but, as I do not think I shall go to the expence of 30/ to 'dog' in bed a Shetland shawl of the variety you describe, I will not trouble you for it especially as I shall want *two*, one off, one on -

2- I think I will therefore trouble you to get me  $\neq$  one, as you propose i.e. *two*. The one I bought from you last year - but which has not washed very well- was 12/ or 13/ I *think* - ~~But~~ it was a most wonderful match to my dressing-gown - It now looks rather shabby -

Thanks for the beautiful lilies - & "Vivian Grey" (which I had a particular curiosity to see)

9004/20 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

March 8/70

My dear Sir Harry

1. When I was younger, like you, I believed in such a scheme as you propose for giving women "some knowledge of Medicine" to go to India with-

2. I have frequently been applied to for "Missionary women" going to India (by themselves) lately - to gain them admittance into St. Thomas'-.

generally, to "pick up" "medicine," under the garb of a Nurse, from the Medical & Surgical Staff

I have become (most unwillingly) convinced that this would end in a mere smattering -in a tumbling between 2 stools, & finally, in the great probability of my having the blood at my door of some (Indian) Patients

3. I believe that H.B. Carter, Mrs. Wardroper & I have come to the unanimous conclusion that we would never again attempt to patch up women in a few months for any Nursing Office, however much we are pressed to do so -

And I believe that nothing would induce Mrs Wardroper to accept a Candidate to pick up a knowledge of medicine, unless from ~~a~~ some conviction of mine *which I have not*.

4. Miss Jones, of Kings Coll:, after very many more essays than we made, came to the same conclusion

But I believe that the present Supt. there takes in any one in the way you propose -

And I would not deter you from

trying this

[It always seems to me that, the less people have of *permanent* "Sisters," the more willing they are to do this kind of thing.

They have (or had) at Kings Coll: Hosp. not one "Sister" 3 months old.]

in great haste

ever yours F.N.

A thousand thanks for Margaret's charming journal.

O to be in the desert about Cairo [1:626] "for 3 weeks"!

Tell them to report particularly how Rameses II lying on his face in a pool at Memphis. is how he does - a colossal mutilated statue - one of the finest, if not the finest in Egyptian sculpture

9004/21 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, March 8/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

You were so good as to say that you wished to show some courtesy to *Dr. Cuningham*, Lord Mayo's emissary to us, & Sanitary Commissioner of the Govt. of India -

He is now again in London but *only till the 28th.*, (unless I can get his leave prolonged)

His address is  
*Dr. Jas. M. Cuningham*  
*18 Manchester Street*  
Manchester Square

ever yours  
FN.

9004/22 1f, pencil? initialled letter **[3:394]**

March 10/70

My dear Sir Harry

I promised Sir B. Frere  
that I would lend (only  
lend!) this beautiful  
Essay of his on Indian  
Missions - to you & Parthe -

How blind we are!  
And how he shows the way  
that God is leading those  
vast Indian nations- The  
Indian Church will be  
the greatest of all the  
Christian Churches -

ever yours

F.N.

9004/23 2ff, pencil?, signed letter **[6:448]**

March 15/70

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I send you (in the strictest confidence)  
one of the letters to me of Miss Torrance,  
our invaluable Matron at the Highgate  
Infirmary -

She writes these letters merely for my  
own information and, as you know, I  
have never shown them even to you -

But possibly Mr Goschen, who has,  
in the midst of his business, shewn  
himself personally interested in the  
Highgate Infirmary, might like to  
see this letter, as it contains matters  
which can be dealt with by the Poor  
Law Board alone - which are of  
essential importance to the success of

this quite young Establishment and  
which possibly Mr. Goschen might  
wish to verify by a visit from one  
of his Inspectors & thus settle its  
difficulties-

If you show the letter to Mr. Goschen, he  
will, I am sure, understand that it is  
in the same strict confidence, &  
return it to me by you at once -

The 3 points in it I think are:

1. that here are people who can hire  
"cabs" & "waggonettes" throwing their  
sick relatives or friends on Parish  
relief - which is sheer Socialism
2. that Miss Torrance, a person whose  
Hospital experience we can thoroughly

trust, says that there are *not more*  
 "slight ailments," or 'what are called  
 'malingerers,' *in a Workhouse Infirmary*  
 than in St. Thomas' Hospital- notoriously  
 a Hospital of *very severe cases* -  
 [I have constantly believed that this  
*is*, as Miss Torrance states it.]  
 3. *that* Steward, who will certainly  
 bring the place to ruin -

Ever, my dear Sir Harry,  
 yours affectly.  
 Florence Nightingale

9004/24 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

I return these 2 very good  
 letters printed & M.S-  
 There *must* be some local  
 "Nuisance" authority, which  
*can* compel the cleansing  
 of this nuisance -  
 Let these truly energetic  
 pastors apply to it -  
 But, if it does not or  
*will* not do the work,  
 then let a statement of the  
 circumstances be sent to  
 the *Home Office*, & an  
 enquiry asked for.

This is the only other way,  
 I am sorry to say- And  
 I have enquired -

F.N.

March 25/70

This day 17 years ago, the  
 day of dear Grandmama  
 Shore's death, I was  
 at Sheffield - or rather  
 at Tapton -

I have just ~~written~~ sent a [10:114]  
 letter to Lord Mayo at  
 his own request on  
 the removal of Indian  
 "nuisances," which

Wellcome Ms 9003

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took me 3 days to write!,  
because our "nuisances"  
there are 180 millions - **[end 10:114]**

9004/25 1f, incomplete, pen, initialled letter {arch: 30.3.70; 1st p. missing}

I am most thankful to hear  
this morning thro' a telegram  
that Reggy Herbert, a fine  
Naval Cadet, put ashore  
dangerously ill at the Naval  
Hospital at Lisbon, is  
"out of danger" - But his  
mother & Mary had  
already started via Paris  
& rail ~~to~~ going straight  
thro' express to Lisbon -

Those Training-ships are so foul-  
never left empty for a time to be  
thoroughly ever yours  
cleansed. F.  
always  
having  
small pox, fever & measles -

9004/26 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, [printed address]  
Park Lane,  
W.1

{letter begins on other half of page, clockwise 90d.} bundle 147  
Dearie

Right glad was I to see your hand writing again -  
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As for "Miss Stephen"- she *must* wait -[I lived in  
hopes, as the poor people say, that you had forgotten  
it] I could have seen her last week -  
It is not a difficulty, it is *impossible* that I should  
see or write to her this week or next -  
[As I have her note to you, I will write to her when  
I can]-  
=. I am involved in the most critical Office business,  
which ~~a~~ I have either accepted or invited ~~it~~, &  
cannot be put off- and in the most painful

Liverpool business, which I neither accepted nor invited - & which quite break me down - both together -

I can hardly even write this scrap -

All this week & next I am driven for every hour & minute - & must not speak one unnecessary word - Or I shall *stop going* altogether.

I am very sorry you have to give up Combe & Bagshot. But at all events those are only pleasures put off -

To go to Embley would be, I suppose, *any way* the best thing for you - & to get out of this atmosphere -

But, of course, this the Dr. must decide - No wonder your poor head has suffered. But I hope that will soon improve, as it is accounted for.

I have not an instant - nor shall have for at least a fortnight. And I have to act Infirmary Nurse to my cook - God bless you - ever your

March 31

F.

9004/27 2ff, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

{printed address}

35 South Street, *Saturday night*  
Park Lane,  
W.1

Dearie

I only heard by to-night's post from Mr. Jowett that, being in London to-morrow, he would come & give me the Sacrament at 3-

I do not know whether you or Sir Harry would like to come again so soon-

R.S.V.P.

=

I have not even glanced yet at 'Mr. Norris' to you'.

How to get thro' day by day I hardly know -

As Mrs Wardroper says, **[6:314-15]** there has Agnes Jones been dead 13 months- And the

Liverpool Workhouse is  
rather more thrown upon  
our hands than ever -  
Miss Freeman is in town now  
to consult us- And there  
have been 4 interviews, one  
of 6 hours & all of more  
than 3-  
And she neither knows  
what are her difficulties-  
nor - what she wants?  
If there is one thing which  
I should like to impress  
upon Sir Harry, it is this:  
that the unavoidable evil ~~of~~  
in that case

of sending a person with only  
a very few months' training  
to such a work must  
never be repeated -  
For, however able the woman,  
one year's training is the  
very least that can give  
a person, without  
Hospital experience, the  
~~very~~ slightest insight even  
into how to conduct such  
a work - I could have  
managed a whole Hospital with less  
trouble, ever your  
anxiety & F.  
corresponde.  
than she has  
given me -  
And as for poor Mrs. Wardroper!!

9004/28 1f, pencil, initialled note {some writing in another hand?;  
arch: ?Mar 1870} bundle 147

35 South Street, [1:338]  
Park Lane,  
W.1

1. I send you H. Martineau's letter (on "Lettice Lisle")-  
Please return it to me -  
With all the draw backs, I think her one of the best literary  
judges yet existing.
2. If you are writing on Bunsen, do you choose to see an  
unpublished printed fragment of his "Life of Jesus,"  
which I have?  
[But I shall not send it you, if you are going to  
criticize him in that shabby and savage manner.]  
I have also M. Müller's criticism, cut out of the  
"Times", on the "Life"- if you like to look at it again. [end 1:338]

I forgot to ask 2 things

1. what did Sir Harry do after all about my letter  
to M. de Sydow, about the Prussian Conference for  
Wounded (International)?
2. do you know anything (it is not likely you should)  
of a book given me by M. Mohl - printed at the  
Asiatique at my request. Quatrains de *Al Khayyâmi*  
French & Persian -  
It has disappeared. I left it in this house  
when I went to Lea Hurst - I have hunted for it  
all over the house since I came back- It is *just*

possible Mama may have taken it away by mistake

My name & M. Mohl's name were written on  
the outside in his hand - a small grey  
French octvo. or rather large duodmo. (new)

F.N.

[not FN hand, in lighter pencil]

It is astonishing how little I can read

But, I have read Lettice Lisle, Ly Verney's I suppose I think  
it beautiful & very far superior to Stone Edge & its successor  
Patris is always a drawback to me in Scott &  
everybodys. But I am getting over it for Lettice's sake now & Mary's.

9004/29 1f, incomplete, pen?, unsigned letter {arch: early 1870} black-edged paper bundle 147

*Burn*

Dearie

I don't think I need trouble your servants to-day, thank you - The Messenger sends a note of excuse- But I shall put the matter into the hands of the Adjutant - Since it is just *not* to have these matters to investigate that one employs Commres.- I have simply answered the man by saying he is to come to-morrow to do his work - I am afraid they are a bad lot -

But I have such a much worse business to manage - And Mrs Wardroper, poor woman, is coming this afternoon, about it. Those women, Miss Freeman & Miss Wilson, have brought the Lpool Workh: to a dead lock-

9004/30 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

Yu April 2/70

*Romsey Volunteers*

My dear Sir Harry

I followed your advice about this - And, for my sins, look at the enclosed - I do not think this will do do you? - I have no right to use Lord Napier's almost private words - arranged by myself. Yet I do not see how to correct or "alter" it

It might have been *read* to them, but *not* printed.

What shall I do?  
ever yours

FN

I hope to see you for a minute before I start by train 3.15.

9004/31 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, Ap 2/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

*Pauper Girls*

My dear Sir Harry  
I think the Memorial much  
improved -  
I should not object to signing  
this -  
Only when one does not know  
the people, a Memorial  
may be always "hit or miss"-  
What shall I do?  
I do not share Parthe's  
objection - 1- it does not  
apply to this improved  
Memorial- 2. it is natural

that a Memorial in which  
*ladies* offer their services  
should be signed by *ladies*  
3. the "Saturday" is so  
little serious, so abominable  
in its flippancy, that I  
cannot say I care the least  
what it does say -  
It will say: "ladies" ought  
to take care of children  
of their own - & if they  
have no children, the  
best thing they can do  
is: to marry & get them."

I think of going to  
Embley to-day, thanks  
to your kind advice.

May I have your  
carriage to take me  
to Waterloo  
at 3.15?

If it is engaged,  
I can get another -  
ever yours  
F.N.

9004/32 2ff, pencil, signed letter, bundle 147

Embley

Romsey

April 15/70

My dear Sir Harry

*Memorial: Pauper Girls.*

Shall I sign ~~it~~ the Petition as it is now?  
To enable you to give me your kind advice, I  
send you 2 or 3, *only 2 or 3*, of this  
excellent woman's letters & telegraphs to me.  
She has been frantically telegraphing to me  
all over the country - most of her letters  
& telegraphs arriving many hours *after*  
the time fixed by her for my telegraphic  
answer (as if one *could* conduct this  
kind of business by Telegraphy)

[I suspect she has done the same thing by  
Mesdames Goschen, Hardy & Gladstone -  
as they have not given their names  
to the *Memorial*, I see.]

Shall I now sign the *Petition*?

[I would ~~you~~ send you a copy of the roll  
sent me, to enable you to judge - but that  
probably exactly the same roll has  
been sent to Parthe.

It has at its head the printed  
Memorial I enclose]

--

Could you also kindly tell me did  
Parthe xx. write at all to Miss Preusser  
And if so what line did she take?

xx. Miss Preusser says that "*all the ladies*"  
she wrote to answered her -

I wrote to Miss Preusser exactly what you  
kindly suggested. But she had not  
patience to wait for it -

ever yours

F Nightingale

9004/33 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

[2]

*Crystal Palace*

*Easter Monday*

My dear Sir Harry

If your servants are going to the Crystal Pal: on Easter Monday, & you kindly invite mine to go with them, "Barkis is willing," & will pay the menue dépense.

I hardly know whether that poor old woman, Mrs. Legg, is fit to be left -

If not; *Elizabeth*, the cook, had better be the one to go to the Crystal P., (as she has not been before) But *Jenny* may go too, if poor old Legg can be left. ~~She~~ ~~[illeg]~~

Would you be so very kind as to tell them that I say they may go? if you ask them?

How is your poor butler?  
I was glad to hear he had come back to you -

Have you let your house?  
I think my mother & father both wonderfully well -  
He has had a cold - but his way of getting over it shows his elasticity -

I found the enclosed from Sir R. Napier - which I ought to have returned long ago -

I cannot help fearing that Edmund's "stumpy" has been sadly long in healing. ~~[illeg]~~ It will be 6 months on Monday since it happened. But if his health has so much recovered, we ought not to complain of Egypt-  
ever yours affectel.

Wellcome Ms 9003

608

F.N.

Embley

Romsey

Good Friday - All Easter

blessings be yours

9004/34 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:573-74]

Embley

Romsey

April 17/70

Easter Sunday

My dear Sir Harry

This was the old letter of Sir  
R. Napier which you lent me  
for the address - & told me to return.

It was abominable of me  
not to put in into my letter  
when I said I had - & give  
you the trouble of looking -

I had mislaid it -

=

Please tell P. that I returned  
her (honest) a copy of "Lettice Lisle"  
when I left London - & brought  
one down (honest) here for my  
mother - But they seem to  
be in great numbers here, so  
that, if she likes, I will filch

it away again -

We shall send her some flowers  
for her birth=day-Springs  
are late - now. When I  
was a child, I always used  
to go as soon as it was day light  
& bring some lilacs with  
dew-drops on them, which  
were always in flower for  
her birth day - from some  
particular lilacs in the  
American garden to her  
when she awoke in the morning-  
But there is nothing of the  
kind now-

ever yours

F.N.

9004/35 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

Embley April 26/70  
{written across top on diagonal:}

I am so sorry  
about Mr.  
Fraser's death  
at Claydon -  
I hope Sir Harry  
is well -

Dearie

I send back Margt.'s charming letter  
& another.

Have you let your house?

I am so afraid that Sir Harry will  
slip out of my hands, which if he does  
I will serve Mr. Calvert as the Greek  
Brigands did the Captives-

My new housemaid is coming on  
Monday on purpose -

ever your

F,

I do not laugh tho' about those unfortunate  
captives - I think it the most hideous  
story of modern times - gold=greedy, cruel,  
murderous savages - They should be treated  
like savages - And Greece like a savage  
tribe-

9004/36 2ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [1:626-27]

35 South Street, May 5/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Capt. Verney

I was immensely thankful  
to hear Mr. Savory's account  
of you- Because if he thinks  
you can take a ship in the  
autumn, he knows you are  
all right- But I dare say  
*that* sensible man told you to  
take precautions which you  
don't tell me.

I think you are rather hard  
upon poor 'Stumpy.' You treat  
him like a spoiled & troublesome  
child, whom you have

Wellcome Ms 9003

611

undertaken the charge of, &  
whom you are in duty bound

to furnish with the necessaries  
of life- but whom you can't  
be expected to indulge -  
I feel much more kindly to  
poor 'Stumpy'. I am sure he  
behaved very well at first -  
And if he did not so well  
afterwards, you ought to have  
shown him some of that  
kindness & indulgence for  
which you are otherwise so  
remarkable -

I feel satisfied, if it had not  
been for Mrs Verney's protection  
& care, poor Stumpy's life  
would have been a weariness to  
his flesh -

=

I was very much obliged  
to you for showing me your  
Book of Sketches - which I  
looked through with immense  
delight. I shall hope to  
see it again.

They are very original & fresh  
& bring the old places before  
me again - There are some  
of the Nile - especially  
one *all yellow*- which I  
will swear with any amount  
of asseveration you please  
is the place itself -

For 3 days I have been trying  
to finish this foolish note- but  
must send it as it is, if at all  
ever yours & Mrs. Verney's

F. Nightingale

9004/37 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:268-69]

May 7/70

Dear ..... *what was* I going to say?

I find, from the Banking-people, that  
you were good enough to pay in my  
Quarter's allowance - here in London -

I thought that you would subtract  
from it the £50 which, you will remember,  
you kindly gave me *in cash* at Embley-

Wellcome Ms 9003

613

Finding this not to be the case, I  
enclose a Cheque to your Order for £50 -

Please acknowledge -  
ever your loving child.

F.

9004/38 4ff, incomplete, pencil, initialled letter, bundle 147  
[3:389-91]

35 South Street, May 7/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W. 1

Pray tell Mr. Empson how deeply  
I feel for him at the loss of  
his boy- But I do not  
think Mr. Empson at all the  
man to be overwhelmed by  
sorrow- Let him think  
of the boy as gone to join his  
mother - gone to continue  
his short life, thus early cut  
off,- "the fate Heaven gives its  
favourites, early death,"- under,  
we may truly say, happier  
auspices -  
"The less of this cold world, the more  
of Heaven  
The briefer life, the earlier Immortality"

Please be sure & tell Mr.  
Empson that I think of his  
sorrow constantly, uniting our  
wills to God in this as in all  
things, as far as in my poor  
power lies- "that we all  
should be one with Him" in *will*-  
a promise, as I know by my  
own sad experience, of which  
one never feels the full force  
except in deep & lasting  
sorrow -  
I say nothing to him of the  
'banal' consolation: that  
time will soothe his grief -

For time only intensifies year by year & day by day  
real sorrows- as indeed I  
know again by intense experience

Perhaps it is the test of a  
real loss that one feels it  
only more & more every year  
& every month- & every week-

But Aunt Jane once said  
to me, speaking of the loss

of her eldest boy Fred, who  
perished in Australia, 31  
years ago - a loss I believe  
that she has felt but once  
for 31 years- & that every  
minute: "Oh Flo - if this child  
should be the only one of mine I shall  
have to take in my hand when  
I come before God, & say: 'Here,  
Lord, am I with the children  
that Thou hast given me'!!"- - - -

It was a solemn word. And  
I don't think I shall ever  
forget that Mother's cry -

If Mr. Empson should find  
time & inclination to write me  
any word of his boy's last days on earth,  
I should be deeply interested.  
And I think I truly valued  
his boy's mother -

I only heard of the death  
thro' Temperance's sister & no  
particulars-

ever your loving child  
F.

## 3

Nay- it strikes me that all truth  
lies between these two:

Man saying to God, as Samuel did,  
Lord, here am I -

and God saying to man as Christ  
did, in the storm,

Lo ~~here~~ it is I, be not afraid -  
And neither is complete, without  
the other-

God says to man in suffering  
in misery, in degradation,  
in anxiety, in imbecillity,  
in loss of the bitterest kind,  
in sin, most of all in sin -

Lo, it is I, be not afraid -

This is the Eternal Passion  
of God -

And man must say to him  
Lord here am I

to work at all these things

I have said all my life,  
"Here am I, Lord"-

But I have been "afraid"  
all my life, & have never  
believed "the Lord's" "Lo, it is  
I."

You see, so far from disliking  
the Biblical language, as you do,  
I always fall into it -  
The Bible puts into four words  
of one syllable what whole

sermons cannot say so well-  
The whole of religion is in God's  
    Lo, it is I-  
        & man's  
    Here am I, Lord.

You know how I abominate  
 Keble & all that feeble  
 modern poetry.  
 Now, I will send you another  
 grand old hymn: -  
 "O God, our help in ages past  
 "Our hope in time to come  
 "Our shelter from the stormy blast  
 "Be our eternal home"-  
 When the 204 bodies were  
 taken out of the Hartley  
 Colliery & carried along  
 to what is called their  
 "last home", the miserable  
 widows & villagers who  
 lined that terrible  
 two miles' road,  
 took up the grand old hymn,

one after the other, in  
 fitful snatches on the  
 night - breeze, so that  
 it sounded thro' the night  
 with scarce any  
 intermission for the whole  
 2 miles' way:  
 "O God, our help in ages past  
 Be our eternal home!"-  
 This was told me by one  
 who was by & heard it!     **[end 3:391]**

9004/39 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 147 **[1:338-39]**

*Female Medical Education* May 7-8/.70

Dearie

I am afraid that I think it would take at  
 least a month to work out anything for this difficult question

I am afraid that my opinions are so  
 essentially different that all I could do would  
 be, like the critic on M. Grandperret, the Public  
 Prosecutor, to suggest doubts which I could not  
 solve without questioning you, the Public Prosecutor  
*at almost every sentence* (of what I have  
 marked in red.)

E.g. Do you wish "lady Doctors" ~~to wish~~  
 to have the same "training" & "examinations"  
 as men? - certainly not

[I have expressed my opinion so often in

answer to questions & appeals from Mrs.  
Butler & all the "tall talk" ladies - & from  
Dr. Acland, Mr. John Stuart Mill, & other men

that it is almost a public one -

I have looked in vain for a note ~~record~~ I possess of these correspondences - but am quite unable to undertake such a search thoroughly at present- Otherwise I would have sent it you]

Briefly, my opinion is this:

1.

Do you wish to make women men=Doctors?

certainly not

Do you not wish to make women, something higher than men=Doctors?

viz. to make women women=Doctors

The "training" & "examination" of *men* is, as is acknowledged by all true Doctors, almost as bad as it can possibly be.

If I am asked whether I should vote for women to participate in these, I should say: Certainly not.

2. The province of *Midwifery*, (including the Diseases of women & children,) is undeniably women's province -

So far as I know, this is denied by no one- except on the ground that women cannot get the education for it

France, as usual, has seen this - & for 69 years there has been in France as perfect an education, *practical & scientific*, for Midwives, as well can be -

It includes a 2 years' course, during which they ~~deliver~~ (the Pupil Midwives) deliver the lying-in women at a Hospital of 200 beds where no Pupils but the Midwives are received - A 1st. class certificate is not given under a 2 years' course

A 2nd. class Certificate under 1 year. Without a certificate, no Midwife can practice in France

The lady Professors of this Institution

have always held a rank, both *scientific & practical*, quite equal to that of Simpson, Locock or any great Accoucheurs -

They attend the highest classes & even Royalty in their confinements. They are Physician=Accoucheuses. not merely Midwives -

[I do not see how you can make anything of the "small Napoleon" here -

The fact, I believe, was simply this. The Empress Eugénie wished to be attended in her confinement by the "Sage Femme en chef" of that time (Physician Accoucheuses). The Emperor insisted on her having a man -

The entrance of the man (& the ~~awkward-~~  
~~ness~~ fright & 'émotion' consequent- by no means an uncommon occurrence) interrupted the natural labour &, it is said, risked her life -

But I don't see how you can make anything

9004/40 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:269]

May 10/70

You will see by the two enclosed that

I had anticipated you -

But alas! ~~with me~~ not one moment  
of strength ever have I to send off  
any but the most pressing business.

I am sure that Sir Bartle Frere would  
gladly give you a copy of the "Indian  
Missions" if he had one - But he has not.  
It is not yet printed separately for  
sale, tho' I have begged & prayed him  
to do so.

You say my mother "thinks only *too much*  
of - - - -

Alas the thinking *too little* (~~of this world~~) in men & women  
has oftener left me mourning -

Surely the Devil invented the plan  
of letting the thoughts drift away from  
anything hard or sorrowful -

O how are we learn the lessons of  
life, hard enough to read any how,  
if we are to pass them by "Railroad=  
=speed,"? as I have heard M. Mohl  
express it too truly -

To me this disposition which destroys  
all experience, all reality, all  
wisdom, all knowledge, seems  
increasing in men-

The friends of my younger age *are not*-  
Those who laid things to heart are  
not are no longer now -

"She pondered all these things in her  
heart"- Does that man or woman  
exist now who *ponders* things in the  
heart? ever your loving child

F

Sir Harry just come  
looking very well  
I shall be glad of Moody's *pot*-

FN.

9004/41 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, May 25/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

Would you not like the  
Piano & Harmonium here to be  
moved into Lady Sarah  
Williams' at once ? They  
are doing nothing here - And  
if there is not a piano-forte  
in Lady Sarah's house,  
might wile away some  
anxious moments -

Will you please thank  
Lady Sarah Williams for me  
for her most kind note-

which I did not answer,  
partly from my own  
difficulty in writing, but  
more because I feared  
to be only another  
infliction on her over=  
burdened thoughts. The  
more kind in her to  
write at all to me -

Tell her I shall be with  
them in prayer not only  
on the Marriage day  
but on many other days -  
ever yours

F.N.

9004/42 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, May 27  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am not going to let  
you go so soon, unless Mr-  
Calvert has positively laid  
hands upon you -

*If you can be comfortable*  
here, you promised to stay  
at least half your time -

That brings you to at least  
*the middle of June*- You  
were not with me the first  
week of May at all -

There is not the slightest  
inconvenience to any human being here,  
including the cats, if only you

can be comfortable.

=

I am sorry to say that the answer is come back from the Army San: Comm: about Genl. Miller - a very stupid answer, as I think. It is to this effect- that "it would not be advisable to trouble Genl. Miller to come to the Comm: because by their Constitution they could scarcely take practical cognizance of questions unless they were referred by the S. S. for India"-

This is Genl. Baker's decision I do not understand it- Genl. Miller is a much better witness than Dr. Cuningham whom they took in the way I pointed out - They ask whether you could induce Genl. Miller to write a letter on his subjects- And they would then be able to entertain his views in a Minute or the new Barracks in India they have to write-  
 ever yours  
 F.N.

9004/43 5ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 **[1:610]**

Whitsun Eve 1870 [4 June 1870]

My dear Emily

First of all, I recommend your plan to God - and feel sure that, if it is for His service, He will enable you to carry it out-

Things which go easy don't often go well, when it is His work. And therefore I (don't wish you plenty of difficulties, because I am not Saint enough for that but) am afraid you will have difficulties.

But God knows much better what

He is doing than we know what we want.

2. I had a long talk yesterday about your matters with Beatrice Lushington -

The thing which you want scarcely exists yet-

In fact it has to be created -

Perhaps it is God's intention to call you to be one of the creators-

But of course this will increase your difficulties in learning, at the beginning.

Beatrice says that, so far as she knows *that* Miss Buss? on Haverstock Hill? is really the only person who has set up good Middle Class Female teaching - but that the premises are so bad, so overcrowded, that it is quite out of the question your going there yet

There is an idea of lending Miss B money to set up on better premises -

And then you could go -

But this says: Wait.

{cut off} Then there is Miss Clough -

Beatrice and I both agree that it would rather counter act than further your purpose for you to go to her school at *first*- The thing is only in a state of experiment. It has all to be organized.

Later, it might be of use.

But this again says: Wait - Miss Clough knows so much about Schools that it would be most desirable you & she should have a conversation- And Beatrice proposes Thursday (the day after your wedding) at her house.]

Beatrice does not know anything of the Richmond School you spoke of-

5. But there is an Officers' (Military) Daughters' School at Bath- which you probably know about- under a Miss Kingdon -

[This Miss Kingdon was a cousin of our cousin, the first Mrs. Bonham Carter She lived with her till after her death, helping Her with her children, After her death, Miss K. took charge of the children, till J. Bonham Carter married again.

Miss Kingdon then wished to do

something, just as you are doing- And she undertook this School & has had it ever since, as Supt.

**[end 1:610]**

Beatrice thinks the teaching is good But the girls come in such an ignorant half-trained, frivolous state that you will not see anything at all advanced

You might write to *Miss Kingdon*

yourself- Or Beatrice would do so - no[t]

[Genl. Lawrence is the Chairman] pledging you [cut off] to anything

[2]

6. Beatrice will make enquiries whether [1:611-12] any one of the Schools founded by the late Dean of Hereford is in a sufficiently good state for you to learn at - & especially where that Miss Saily, who was his pupil & whom I once was with, is [Poor King's Somborne, where she was, immediately under the Dean, is quite degenerate.]

7. B. will also make enquiries about Liverpool & Edinburgh but fears there is nothing -

You see the fact is: you have to create -

[I believe myself that there is no country calling itself civilized where *Middle Class Female* Education is so backward as in England]

8. Then there is Germany.

There is, we know, far better teaching in Germany of this class than in England.

But the difficulty is: to find out where you could go with health -

Even if I were sure that the Normal School at Kaiserswerth were in the same state as it was under Pastor Fliedner, I am sure that you could not stand the bad food, the absence of all English cleanliness & privacy &c -

9. Pastor Fliedner's second daughter, Minna, has set up a Middle Class Female School at Hilden, some miles from Kaiserswerth -

But how are we to find out about that? what it *really* is.

10. Beatrice knows of an excellent

Female School at *Berne*.

But she does not know it personally.  
And she says: we all know what the  
Berne climate is. She will however enquire

11. The (Miss Whateley) Cairo plan  
sounds very well.

But of that you know more than  
we do.

12. Then you know the admirable  
American Mission (Mrs. Hill) Schools  
at Athens [Mrs. Hill used to let me  
attend her lessons with her.]  
They are exactly Female Middle Class -  
And Eastern Europe has a strong touch  
of the East. its amazing quickness &  
genius - its rapid falling off at the least  
fancy. its want of steadiness, perseverance,  
its lofty aspirations - its disappointing  
falls-

But then,  
the present state of Greece  
the trying climate (cold & hot)  
modern Greek to be acquired  
&c &c

13.

You have doubtless consulted your  
excellent German lady friend who  
once lived with you. She would  
know, I suppose, about any good  
Normal Female School of the day -  
in Protestant Germany -

14.

You know how good the Moravian  
(Herrnhüter) Schools are- There is  
one near Bonn, I think - But  
neither Beatrice nor I know it  
*personally* - Frances Bunsen would  
probably know-

[3]

You see how little all this amounts to.  
It really amounts only to this:

the whole question (or rather practice)  
of Female Middle Class Schools is in  
an elementary state here-

there are one or two places in England (nothing  
very high) where 2 or 3 months  
would enable you to feel your way

both as to your own powers & as  
to judging afterwards where to go  
next -

You must enquire, feel your way,  
wait - & try - & make mistakes - & *succeed*  
the whole thing is in its rudest state,  
as Hospital & Sanitary Nursing was in England  
20 years ago -

But - the more difficulty, the more  
glory, as the hackney-coachman said  
when he drove over a heap of stones -

Or, as St Paul says: Thy strength  
is made perfect in weakness.

God bless you

ever, dear Emily, yours

F. Nightingale

Believe that I shall be most  
anxiously interested to hear what  
you do next - I wish I had  
recent information at your service -  
But, after all, the most we can do  
for each other is to enable another  
to clear up his or her ideas - Each  
must tread his or her own path of  
the Cross - No one can really take  
the responsibility for another - My  
deepest sympathy, my warmest interest  
if that could do you any good, you *have*  
F.N.

9004/44 1f, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [8:881-82]

June 7/70

My dear Emily

Our maids are very anxious to see "Miss Maude" in wedding garments- which pleasure would be, I suppose, much enhanced by seeing her with all her bridesmaids -

I really don't think it's vanity but family love (since all our maids who have been with us any time have brothers & sisters in all our family or in yours)

Could you ascertain whether, & if so where, it would be not disagreeable to Lady Sarah Williams for me to send 2 of my maids to see "Miss Maude" come out or go in or go up or come down to-morrow? and at what hour? ever your affecte. old Aunt  
R.S.V.P F. Nightingale

9004/45 4ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [1:612-13] [letter is complete]

35 S. St.

June 12/70

My dear Emily

I will write without delay the few things which seem important enough to write to you - after my conversation with my accomplice Beatrice.

I. "Home & Colonial"-  
I feel very strongly what I should do in this case, were it my own child, as e.g. dear Agnes Jones was.

I do not think that you could go there unless 1. you had seen the place for at least a morning; & 2. you had made & had had accepted by them) many arrangements-

You see, unless you had seen something of the place beforehand, & unless above all

they had made special arrangements for you you might not like the place at all, Might not wish to stay there a week - I am sure that Capt. & Mrs. Verney, who are so handy-minded & so devoted, will

agree with me -

[I understand what you said that you  
could not quite, while with Ly Monteagle  
run about after things your own way -  
That is true- But far better, I think,  
lose a month or 3 months than go to  
a place as it were hap-hazard.]

To me much considering, the *course* would  
appear thus: - (ask Capt. Verney who  
has a compass)

**[end 1:612]**

1. that Miss Webb (?) should give you an

introduction to the Lady Supt. or the Chaplain) (I don't know quite what their titles are) of "Home & Colonial"-

1. that you should go & spend a day there, with Capt. & Mrs. Verney best of all, with Capt. Verney next best - with yourself least best -

3. that, if you & they are pleased, the next step should be to ascertain whether special arrangements could be made for you-

(a) as before said- that you should not take the ordinary information=lessons but only the teaching=lessons

(b) that you should go only, say, from 9 to 1 three or four times a week -

[I hold it to be quite impossible that you can, without serious risk to health, go

there to teach, or to learn, or even to look on for from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. five days a week

I think it would be much more

profitable even, for you to give there 2 to 3 lessons 4 days a week- they hearing you & correcting you - & after 1 p.m. to be at home, preparing lessons - or, if you have time & strength, going to see other schools -

(c) that you should thus take 3 or 4 months there **[1:613]**  
Neither Beatrice nor I have a very high opinion of "Home & Colonial"- tho' we both think that you will acquire there the practice of children, the *dodges* of teaching - Learn what you can like & what you can stand - & that 3 or 5 months will thus be very profitably spent there, *if limited* as above. **[end 1:613]**

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[My idea of the "Home & Colonial" is very little worth having, since it is so old & ancient - Beatrice knows little more - but she has seen a good deal of some mistresses educated there &, though of course she would not like this said, she thinks their teaching 'tricky'  
Still we neither of us think that you could have a better place to begin

with - to drill yourself in]

II *The Richmond School*

**[1:613]**

We both think that it would not do  
for you to offer yourself as a *mistress*  
there & that it would tell rather  
badly for them, if they accepted you -  
You would not learn the art of teaching.  
You would only be tied down to teach  
certain particular subjects, as best you

may. This is how it strikes us. **[end 1:613]**

III *Miss Clough*

Both Beatrice & I think that a morning spent with Miss C. at Beatrice's house would give you a good deal of informal help to clear up your ideas &c &c - Because Miss C. has really such good ideas about Schools - knows so much about them- was herself drilled at the "Borough Road" Training School regularly - Beatrice will manage this meeting for you - It is not at all in reference to your joining Miss C. at Finsbury - but only to the *general* thing -

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This is about the result of my lucubrations - You see it amounts to very

little

But I felt very anxious to say this about "Home & Colonial"- You see it would be a very bad beginning for you just to damage your health by engaging yourself for 3 months at any School unless all the preliminaries were satisfactory - & satisfactorily settled - **[1:613]**

N.B.

Beatrice feels pretty sure that there is no School of the late Dean Dawes' worth your going to, now]

But, first & foremost, get rid of your cough-

2. I don't think you or any one at all can guess ~~at present~~ whether you are equal to the labour of teaching for even 4 hours a day without an experiment first

It is a disappointing thing- which one should always avoid if one could- to break down at first.

God bless you  
ever your affecte. & anxious old Aunt

F. Nightingale

N.B. Behold the miraculous effects of **[9:915-16]**  
*Bride-cake!* As some of Mrs. Fred Verney's had been kindly sent me, for

the orthodox purpose, as I supposed.  
I place a crumb under my pillow &  
*dreamt*-- And I dreamt that  
I was Under Secretary for India  
with a balance of 10 millions on the  
right side of my Sheet - & that I  
was irrigating Orissa & draining the  
Deltas of Hooply & Brahmapootra -  
& famine was vanishing away &  
Cholera almost extinct. Tell Mrs. F. Verney [**end 9:916**]

9004/46 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

My dear Sir Harry

I was going to propose something to you of this kind -

I think that you have put the question very well to Mr. Savory -

And he will answer it well -

I conclude that he has seen Capt. Verney lately or will see him -

ever yours

F.N.

June 21/70

9004/47 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [6:467-68]

*Buckingham Workh: Nurse June 22/70*

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry to throw cold water on this good man's application or any good man.

But so far as appears from this note there is not one of the conditions which we consider necessary for ye success of our Nurses, & which we stipulate ye for

[All these I gave in my letter to the Poor Law Board, written by their request, & printed by them in one of their Reports on Workhouse sick.]

As you are aware

1. we never answer "advertisements"-
2. we never compete with "testimonials & applications"- nor suffer our Nurses to do so - our whole system

is to do away with the system of

"testimonials & applications"-

3. if the "Board" require our Nurses, they must make an application to us - we select, train & recommend - & they appoint - But we have nothing to do with sending in or competing with "testimonials"-

Of course our Training School would be entirely stultified by any such proceeding.

We select out of a mass of applicants our Probationers - we

then train for a year - we then  
select again-

Of course we then recommend these  
persons absolutely - to Boards or  
Governing bodies who take our  
recommendation which they have asked  
for.

[We should never get Agnes Jones'es or Miss Torrance s, if we entered them in the common lists of "testimonials," which are not worth the paper they are written on]

4. We deprecate sending *one solitary* Nurse to a Workhouse, which we think is only wasting her & breaking her heart

[We have sometimes, it is true, done this e.g. to Hampstead Workh: But those circumstances were peculiar, & the person sent was almost a lady, & able to hold her own.]

We should not send a Nurse alone without making particular enquiries -  
- is she to be under the old Matron?  
- what sort of a person is the old Matron?  
In most cases, it is merely wasting a Trained Nurse to put her under an old Matron -

5. Tho' "£18" is not perhaps low for a country Workhouse, they will not, I fear, get a ~~Trained~~ "skilled" Nurse for this.

[We, the N.F., are much abused by Hospitals & Workhouses for raising the standard of Nurses' wages- But that is our very object.]

6. Lastly, there is such a demand upon us that I doubt whether we have a Nurse to send - at all -

Would you forward the Revd. Mr. Coker's letter to Harry B.C. or to Mrs-Wardroper?

It is just possible they may *know* of some one.

ever yours  
F.N.

9004/48 2ff, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

June 23/70

My dear Emily

I should so very much have liked to have seen you, as I hope you know, but that I am very "throng" (as we say

in Derbyshire) with getting  
off papers to India by  
to-morrow's mail- papers  
which unfortunat Vacher  
the Parly. Stationer - is copying  
with all his might -

And, after the mail, my father  
is coming - to-morrow-

Do not suppose that I am  
not as much interested as

well can be in your Home  
 & Colonial; And I  
 will accept your kind offer  
 to write to me from Claydon  
*all about it-*

Perhaps you may be coming  
 up to London again by & bye  
 I have had Dr. Sutherland here  
 all the mornng. & am rather knocked up

I hope that Mrs. Verney  
 is able to take with her  
 usual angelic patience  
 Capt Verney's departure so  
 soon- God bless you all

ever yours  
 F.N.

Would you not like to  
 have this Harmonium  
 here down at Claydon?  
 I am so glad your visit was  
 satisfactory -

9004/49 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 148 [1:195]

{printed address; arch: 1870}

Embley

Romsey

~~35 South Street,~~ July 19 [70]

~~Park Lane,~~

~~W.~~

While the Carters were here, I  
 thought you would hear from  
 them- But now they are  
 gone, I make haste to write

I found my mother altered  
 certainly - Tho' she was  
 sitting in the hall to meet me,  
 & insisted on walking all  
 over the down-stairs rooms  
 with me, I thought her  
 shrunk & bent, tho' very  
 spirited & lively - But  
 yesterday which was the  
 first time I saw her  
 again down stairs, when

she was "in all her bravery",  
I had not this impression.  
- she appeared to me, just  
like what she has been  
for the last 10 years -  
with the exception, which  
is very marked indeed,  
that she is so much more  
cheerful, so much happier  
really, *this year & last*,  
than I have ever known  
her in all my life-  
She is pleased & satisfied  
with every body & every  
thing- (except that she

very often asks for her  
"Basket carriage" - of that  
more anon)  
She has been out every day  
in the carriage, except  
Sundays, since I came -  
and every day in the  
garden besides.  
Webb says she sleeps well  
afterwards - sometimes  
till almost 10 a.m. -  
She comes up-stairs between  
10 and 11 p.m. and is  
always in bed by one -  
Webb says, her eyes are not  
worse - "She can read  
much better without her  
glasses than I can," says Webb.

But I hope & believe  
she never does read by  
candle light.  
The only material difference  
that I do see is that she  
gives up the pretence  
of being up before 5 p.m.  
- which I think conduces  
materially to her equability  
I have been to her every  
day but one between  
12 and 1, & sat in her  
bed-room - And she

gives up offering to come  
to me - which I am glad  
of, as it was a strain  
upon her- Yesterday she  
& I sat in the Library in  
the afternoon. And it was

9004/50 5ff {or 3ff}, pencil, unsigned letter/draft [1:195-96]

*Private* {on diagonal}

While my dear mother loses her memory  
(consciously, alas! to herself) she  
gains in every thing else in truth  
of view, in real memory of the phases  
of the past, in appreciation of her  
great blessings, in happiness, real  
content & cheerfulness- and in  
lovingness.

I am quite sure that, during the  
nearly half-century in which I have  
known her, I have never seen her  
anything like so good, so happy,  
so wise or so really true as she  
is now -

I hope to remember throughout eternity  
things she has said to me this year  
& last, such as:

('Your father has never had a cross') "*I  
have been his Cross.*

"He has been a better husband to me

than I deserved."

"My lot has been the happiest  
of lots- I did not deserve it"-

"And, with regard to me, her views  
are so clear, so generous that I do  
not like to repeat them, because *I*  
too feel they are not "deserved."

But I do not dwell upon these  
things so much (to mark the  
great change that has taken place)  
- as upon her constant  
expressions of appreciation,  
grateful appreciation, of you-

*She has learnt from life.*

Many, perhaps most, have no more  
idea of the phases of their past  
life, than if that life were the  
life of another, a stranger -  
A memory, not of trivial facts but  
of appreciation of what life has  
been, is the only true memory.

This is: *truth of mind* -

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How often I remember that ~~phrase~~  
 'People are such martinets about  
 the truth of their words- but  
 truth of *mind* they never think  
 of.'

My mother's memory & appreciation  
 of *life*- especially of *her life*  
*with you*- is in fact better &  
 truer now than it has been  
 during the whole of her half=  
 =century with you.

MOST PRIVATE {underlined 6 times}

One little thing I ought to say which  
 you may - which you *will* think  
 a matter quite trifling - & yet  
 which I see by experience may  
 make the whole difference in her  
 remaining life-

*This* sort of conversation only arises  
 when she is lying quite quietly in  
 bed & I am sitting close to her

quite quietly. *never* when she is  
 walking about the room, or when  
 she makes me walk about the  
 room looking at things. Then her mind  
 seems utterly to fail her. The  
 most painful confusion of mind  
 arises- in which she often  
 makes the most painful mistakes..

& remarks-

This, which I am certain is much  
 more common than people think,  
 is surely worth attending to -  
 It is not the body walking about  
 the room which is the mischief.  
 It is the mind wandering about.  
 It is the mind having the fidgets,  
 which is the painful part- not  
 the body ~~which~~ being fidgetty.

You might just as well give her a  
 blow on the brain as talk to her  
 while you are walking about- or as  
~~let her talk to you~~ encourage her to conversation while she is  
 walking about-

I have observed it now so much as  
 to be quite sure of it

9004/51 1f, pencil, in FN's hand, copy of letter to FN + initialled letter (sent to JS certainly, poss also HV?)

*Private* {on diag.} *Prussia*  
*Crown Princess' Letter to F.N.*  
Potsdam July 23/70

x x x x

"I fancy it may not be impossible that  
some people may wish to volunteer  
as nurses during the awful war  
which is about to begin-  
"Should any one apply to you, wishing  
to be sent out, *will you please let me  
know?* Should they be fitting, I  
am sure they will find plenty to do  
here when the time comes, as we  
had not sufficient nurses last time"  
"Ever yours most sincerely  
Victoria  
C Pr of P."

**[end]**

*Private* {on diag.}  
Professor Longmore (Netley)  
(writing *not* to F.N.)

"is very angry that England has done  
nothing hitherto.

"He says that abroad the entire working  
machinery is ready.

[following para crossed through with one diag. line, to "F.N.":]

3. "that nothing is wanted in any country  
which has agreed to the convention,  
*except means.* [next para struck through]

"that he thinks in the present state of  
things it would almost be better to  
organize & get funds for our own use,  
as we do not know what a day may  
produce

[This is, I suppose, not meant  
seriously - F.N.]

5. "that it is no use to send supplies  
*except according to patterns laid down  
in the Convention,* & that if any thing  
is to be done, *money is the best thing  
to send"*

9004/52 1f, pencil, initialled letter 2ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147, with letter of R. Loyd Lindsay to FN dated 23 July 1870, calls her attention to a letter he wrote in Times of yesterday, headed "Help to the Sick and Wounded" subject is one I know you take a deep interest, hopes the proposed scheme meets with her sympathy and approbation, wd appreciate any suggestions or remarks on the subject, urgent importance of the subject [so he took initiative]

July 25/70

[15:628-29]

My dear Sir Harry

May I ask you whether you know  
Col: Lindsay?

I don't-  
I enclose his note to me.  
I enclose what, under your  
approval, I should say, if you kindly  
would say it - to him.

[I enclose, as a Supplementary  
Note to you, some of Mme. Schwabe's- only  
for your information.]

ever yours

F.N.

I would gladly come back here in  
September, to help Col: Lindsay, if ~~filleg~~ the this  
iniquitous war continues -  
At present, I can scarcely hold a pencil  
yet am overwhelmed with business.

July 26/70

My deepest sympathies are with the  
sufferers on both sides -

If I could, I would set off to the Seat  
of War the very hour that the Authorities  
gave leave & work there -

My helplessness in health makes me  
~~nearly~~ useless not only in this, but in  
giving, as Col Loyd Lindsay asks,  
"suggestions" & advice.

I rejoice & thank God that so many  
able & efficient men have taken up  
that which each can do so much  
better than I, even were I not so  
overwhelmed with business & illness  
as I am -

It is obvious that Col: Loyd Lindsay  
has taken the wise course. Mme. Schwabe's

way is most uncertain of result.

It appears that the two Governments have taken a first step- They have neutralized the ambulances of the respective Governments -

The next step is the one requested (by Col: Loyd Lindsay's Meeting) of Lord Granville - to do -

If the two Governments require or permit aid, they will reply - And the aid will come under the same rule as the Ambulances

If they do not, we shall have to wait to see what time will bring -

It would help the sick very little to have all their supplies seized - which is what might follow any movement until the

prior question is settled -

If a favourable answer is returned by the two Governments, then Col: Lindsay can hardly doubt that I would join heart & hand in doing the very little that is possible to me in helping him on the General Association.

I have meanwhile joined the Ladies' "Collection," which proposes to form a branch in connection with Col Lindsay's Committee, when organized - I have done so at their earnest request of these Ladies -

Col: Lindsay is undoubtedly on the right tack. And I will try & help him with "suggestions," if he still wishes it, as soon as the question referred to is settled

It is of course of the greatest importance to place all supplies from voluntary sources & all administrators of them under the Red Cross -

I understand that Surgeons from England are more likely to be wanted than Nurses from England - Col: Lindsay is quite right about Volunteer Nurses - They may make themselves a terrible nuisance (& even an immoral nuisance) unless under certain rules, under proper authority & round a *trained* Nucleus -

Supplies, I hear, are wanted most of all.  
Florence Nightingale

[end 15:629]

9004/53 4ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 148

Lea Hurst  
Matlock July 30/70

*War*

My dear Sir Harry

In reply to yours:-

1. You ask me to "tell you whether they (Col: Loyd Lindsay & Co:) "May print "my letter in their appeal"-

I am not quite sure that I know what they refer to.

On Monday 25, I wrote in pencil a few hurried jottings in great haste (& under constant interruption from messages) (which, thinking you were in London that day, I sent off to U. Grsv. St. first, hoping to catch you before you went to the Ho: of C., then to the Ho: of C.;-last without re=opening, by post to Claydon.) Are these what they mean?

As my only idea in doing so was to give

notes for your conversation with Col: Lindsay, (whom I expected you to meet in the House) as far as that conversation regarded his note to me, I really do not remember what was in them, the less, as a constant fire of messages was going on at me the whole time I was writing-  
 But, if you think well to take the onus & "see no objection" "to their being printed," I am so overwhelmed at this moment with applications & responsibilities that I am thankful to you if you will relieve me of one -

## 2. Prussia

My expected & dreaded letter from the Crown Princess is come -

Would you think it right to communicate the Extract which I enclose to Col: Lindsay?

It must not, of course, be printed. Still I am hardly justified, am I, in withholding it- since it is an intimation that Nurses may be wanted by ~~her~~ Prussia- since Volunteers are more likely to apply to *them* than to me) since I could not possibly undertake to see & select among Volunteers, even were I in London -

But I would, indeed I ought to, communicate any answer to the Princess from them on this score -

[Capt. Burgess, very unadvisedly, as I believe, did send out 4 Lady Nurses to Berlin - & without, I *think* previous communication to the authorities - about a fortnight ago.]

Also, would you advise me as to the sort of *general* letter I ought to write to the Princess?

[I am particularly anxious to avoid any pitying of me like *on the ground* that the *other* is the wickeder. It is hard to tell which is the wickeder of Bismark or of L. Napoleon]

3. I think it worth while to send  
you an Extract (addressed *not* to me)  
from a conversation of Longmore's-  
vide Paras 5 and 3

- - not that I suppose Col: Lindsay  
who is in communication with him  
does not know this & more  
- indeed the very confidence that  
I feel in Col: Lindsay is from this:  
that he is really 'au fait,' *posted up*,  
as the Yankee would say -  
but I should like myself to know

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whether what Longmore says, (Para. 5.,) is correct ) (also 3 Para)

4. Lastly, I send you an Extract from a printed "Bulletin" from Paris.

This again Col: L. Lindsay would know all about -

I should not myself have attached much importance to it but that the person who sent me the "Bulletin" drew my attention to these Paragraphs which I extract

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[Of course we must inter=communicate information with Col: Lindsay, if we are to help, at the risk of that information being often no information at all & sometimes useless]

Would you think well, after having seen Col: Lindsay, to communicate with Mme. Schwabe, 8 Clarges St.,

as you kindly offered to undertake the communication,

(1.) about the C. Pr.'s letter about Nurses, (charging her not to publish)

(2.) about what Longmore says as to "not sending supplies except according to *patterns &c*"

(tho' I am not sure that Mme. Schwabe may not know more about this than Longmore - If so, I should like to know.)

[I said, in my notes to you, that Surgeons were, I believed, more wanted than Nurses. *Of course* that must not be printed ~~now~~.]  
& may not be true-

I am afraid I cannot write a word more to-day.

I would send you the originals of my Extracts, but fear not to get them back.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I *may* have something more to

Wellcome Ms 9003

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trouble you about to-morrow-  
I presume you go to London on  
Monday.

9004/54 3ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 148

Col: Loyd Lindsay

July 31/70

My dear Sir Harry

I will try to do what you want  
by Wednesday -

It is now 17 years that I have  
given myself but twice one week's  
holiday (i.e. not giving my address &  
not allowing letters to be forwarded  
to me) & what the strain on mind,  
soul, & body has been those only can  
know who may have experienced it -  
added to which during 13 of those  
years I have never had an  
hour's complete ease from pain

weakness or discomfort.

I had meant to give myself one  
week (my third in 17 years -  
omitting that which God gave me  
in Typhus Fever in the Crimea)  
on my arrival here - & gave  
my address to none -

In the first 36 hours of my stay,  
I had sent me what would be  
a good week's work for an Under  
Secretary & all his Staff -

And this morning I had 9 letters  
which, if I did what their  
writers ask, would necessitate,  
(with collecting information) from  
2 to 4 hours hard writing each.

However, I suppose it is God's will)

And I must forego my one week's

holiday - which I had thought was His will  
- ~~tho'~~, whether it can last many  
weeks longer I do not know -

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I will try to do what you ask,  
tho' I have the greatest confidence  
in Col: Loyd Lindsay's & in Capt.  
Galton's judgment - (& the greatest  
confidence in Capt. Burgess' want  
of judgment - this in answer to a  
previous letter of yours) & feel  
that these men who are on the

Wellcome Ms 9003

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stage could do much better  
what I, who am off the stage,  
am asked to do -  
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I enclose Mrs. Schwabe's Circular-  
Have you the M.S.? She appears to



volontaires, sont invités à se faire inscrire  
au siège du comité-

"Les fonds sont centralisés chez M. le Baron  
de Rothschild, rue Laffitte, 17, trésorier  
général, qui reçoit également les  
souscriptions."

9004/56 4ff, pen, signed letter bundle 147 with a copy

1870 August 2 (anniversary of [15:632-34]  
Sidney Herbert's death  
9 years ago

My dear Sir Harry Verney

In answer to your twice=urged enquiry,  
respecting the "Society" forming for "Help to the  
Sick & Wounded" in this awful War-  
(may God's best blessing go with it -  
as must the sympathy of all who have  
a heart in their bodies!)  
what strikes me is this:

this lamentable, this deadly war has  
found us without any organization wherewith  
to proceed at once to the assistance of  
our suffering brothers and sisters across the  
Channel.

There is nevertheless an organization in  
existence having branches, among other places,  
in Berlin and Paris: There is, I believe,  
a common code of Regulations pointing out  
the kind of supplies which ought to be

sent to the Field Hospitals, together  
with the steps to be taken to ensure  
their neutralization and distribution.  
Had we in this country proceeded with  
the same activity as has been shown by  
both sides in this war, we should not  
now be calling Meetings to enquire what  
ought to be done and where the Funds  
ought to come from.

We have no practical knowledge of how  
to go about the work ourselves - but we  
can assist those who are engaged in it.

I would venture to suggest (if this had  
not been done already- which probably  
it has)- that an active Business=Committee  
be at once formed - ~~that~~ funds ~~should~~ must of course,  
in the first instance be obtained- and  
~~that~~, while this preliminary & most necessary  
work is being done, the proposed Committee

should communicate with the Branch Organizations in Paris and Berlin and obtain from them the requisite information (if not yet obtained) as to the kind of supplies they require & most want- and that these be made up according to the patterns with as little delay as possible, and placed at the disposal of the Branch organization in the two capital cities to be by them distributed according to the necessities of the Hospitals on both sides at the Seat of War.

If supplies in kind are sent from this country to the Seat of War, it would be necessary to obtain their neutralization until they arrived at their destination. Persons in charge of them would probably need safe conducts.

If the two (French & German) Branch Organizations require only money, the whole work would be simplified by sending money only & allowing the respective branches to expend it.

I need hardly suggest - because Englishmen will always see fair play done- that the most rigid impartiality should be observed in the division of funds.

It is not unlikely that, besides supplies in money & kind, personal service in Field Hospitals might be asked for. I have myself received an application, or rather an offer of acceptance of War= Nurses, should such volunteer, from one whom we all love & revere- & who is now in the thick of the dreadful turmoil.

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There will probably be a demand for efficient Nurses, both men & women; and in this probability I would venture to say from my own experience that any who undertake such work must be not sentimental enthusiasts but downright lovers of hard work. If there is any work which is simple stern reality, it is that

of waiting upon the sick & wounded after a battle, serving in War Hospitals, attending to & managing the thousand=~~and~~=one hard, dry, practical details which notwithstanding mainly determine the question as to whether your sick & wounded shall live or die. If there is any nonsense in people's ideas of what Hospital Nursing is, one day of real duty will root ~~them~~ it out. But are they capable of one day of real duty? There are things to be done & things to be seen, &

which at once separate the true metal from the tinkling brass, both among men & women. And then comes long patient unremitting ceaseless toil, anxiety & responsibility for those who can bear it.

Let persons, who may wish to serve in this work, examine & test their own motives & fitness. [I feel compelled to say this, because we have no organization & no Nurses or other agents.] But to those who can in any degree estimate the true greatness of the work & would wish to join in it, I would say: let them offer themselves- Let the Committee keep a register of such, when satisfied, as far as they can be, of their fitness. And such can then be sent out, under arrangements made with the local Organizations, to where they are most wanted

If I could rise from my bed of illness, so as to be of any use, I should, before now, have been off to wherever the authorities would accept my services, as most wanted. If I cannot, there are better than me. who will be able & willing to go, under this awful emergency which has come over Europe. Those who are bone of our bone & flesh of our flesh, our brothers, our fellow Christians (oh that I should have to say it!) are met face to face in the deadliest struggle of our time, armed with every instrument of destruction which the latest science has placed in human hands- Can we stand idly by or take a sentimental part either on one side or the other in the face of all this suffering? Ought we not rather to think only of one thing- the suffering -

- incalculably greater than anything that  
*our* eyes have seen, or *our* ears heard,  
 or that it has entered into *our*  
 imaginations to conceive (& when we think  
 of the peasants taken from their harvesting  
 to fight, the whole organization of labour  
 broken up, the women & children  
 starving & helpless - we see the misery of war  
 doubled, tripled, ten fold ed by want & scarcity)  
 ought we not to go to the relief of such  
 suffering on whichever side, in  
 whichever race we find it, wherever  
 we are allowed to go to it?

I have put down, because you asked me,  
 the very most elementary considerations,  
 certain that these & a great many others  
 & much farther steps will have been  
 taken by the able & earnest men who,  
 I rejoice to see, form the Committee of Aid.  
 May God bless them!

[end 15:634]

Pray believe me

ever yours affectely.

Florence Nightingale

9004/55 original is in FN hand. Extract from Bulletin, written in French

9004/56 8ff, pen, not in FN's hand, copy of Letter 55

9004/57 pencil, bundle 148

[15:634-35]

*War*

*Sick & Wounded* Aug 2/70

My dear Sir Harry

I have put down, because you  
 asked me, considerations which must  
 occur to every body -

~~They~~ The "Society" ~~they~~ ought to be (& possibly are) in  
 connection

already with the *Branch Organizations* of  
 Paris & Berlin. [I sent you, in an  
 Extract from the "Bulletin", 2 or 3 Paragraphs,  
 in pencil, with the address of the *Paris Branch*]

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Pray don't write what you propose  
 to the *Crown Princess*- If you knew the  
 connection between her & me, & the way  
 she always throws herself into the breach

Wellcome Ms 9003

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in turmoil & war, you would think it  
simply brutal of me to write that I am  
"gone into the country to rest"- Besides,

she will know in a few days that it is not true that I am "resting" [These Royalties know everything.] She will know that I am entertaining countless applications - [I shall be obliged to return to *London* "to rest," because the writing backwards & forwards increases my labour so much.]

But neither in London any more than here would I undertake to see & select among (Volunteer) Nurses - Other things I can't decline

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What I wanted to know from you about the Cr. Pr.'s application was simply this:

what would Col: L. Lindsay's "Society" be willing to do as to registering Nurses for the Cr. Pr?

what would they be willing for me to promise

her in their name?

[I am afraid, if I propose to her "Cms. Bernstorff", she will say, 'I could have thought of that myself']

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If Col: Lindsay says, *all* Nurses must volunteer for *France or Prussia* alike there *is* this consideration:

- I believe L. Napoleon admits no Volunteer Nurses [They have plenty of Sisters of Charity] If he did, it is in the highest degree improbable that they would accept English Protestant & (if possible) still more improbable that such would or could serve under or with French S. of Charity [I have - & over them too-- but I don't know any body else who would] - English Protestant Nurses stand therefore under quite another category from other "supplies" & can, in my opinion

Lindsay probably knows more than I do)  
only be sent, if sent at all, to one  
side, the *Prussian* (German)

Will therefore Col: L. Lindsay's Society" do  
anything to meet the Princess' application?

Please ask- & tell me also what  
to answer her -

(I ought to have answered to-day]

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I have received a most absurd,  
yet touching letter, from poor  
Mme. Schwabe -

I must, in business, send it you  
with my comments- But I have  
not a moment- I will send it  
you to-morrow to *Claydon* - Shall you  
get it before you start? If not,  
please tell me *where* to send it, so  
that you shall have it by Thursday mornng.  
[In that case, please telegraph.] Yrs F.N.

[end 15:635]

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MME. SCHWABE

My dear Sir Harry

[15:635-38]

Mme. Schwabe writes to me to-day that, after an interview with you, you are perfectly satisfied & you will satisfy me!!!

When one hears a man like Col: Lindsay, nearly 3 weeks after the Declaration of War saying that he is "puzzled what to do first, and how to begin,"- one feels that anything will justify Mme. Schwabe in having begun *directly*-

When one sees both Berlin & Paris advertising the addresses of their Branch Organizations (I sent you them), where every supply may be sent & every information of what is wanted obtained

one feels that nothing can justify Mme.

Schwabe in having, under (unintentionally) false pretences, used my name to obtain supplies from the public to be distributed - by whom?

Who are "Professor Rinz" (her son=in=law) & "Madame de Stael" to the English public?

[Mme. de Stael is the most admirable of women- & the last of women to whom to confide the distribution of funds]

If these are Mme. Schwabe's almoners, she should say so (to the English public) & not use my name to guarantee the proper use of the 'alms'-

I guarantee only those funds which are distributed thro' the French & Prussian Branch Organizations.

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Pardon me if I say that I don't think the question is whether Mme. Schwabe is "comical" or whether she is "pathetic"- but whether my name ought to be left on to deceive the public, *quantum valeat*- I see Lady Shaftesbury has taken off hers -

But if you think I had better just  
let bad alone, *I am quite disposed*  
to do so -

I have not answered either of Mme.  
Schwabe's letters-

= To waste your time & mine, in this  
kind of thing, with all this intense &  
incalculable misery hanging over us,  
this 'appalling' hell, does seem such  
a wretched substitution of play for work

O that I were there, at the Seat  
of War, at work - & out of all  
this writing, writing, writing!!  
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Mrs. Schwabe, with a logic worthy of  
the Duc de Gramont, says (in the letter  
which I enclose) that, because she did  
send me the M.S. Circular [the one I  
sent you] professing to be a branch of  
Col: L. Lindsay's - & because I agreed  
to sign that, & that alone - therefore,  
because she did not propose that  
when she first wrote to me she  
might hark back to her first proposition,  
which I would not sign - & conclude  
that, without asking me, I *would*  
sign it.

Also she says that they doubted Col:  
L. Lindsay's impartiality - My good Mrs.  
Schwabe herself sent me Col. L. Lindsay's

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first letter in the "Times", (stating that  
the first principle of the proposed  
Society would be impartiality  
between the belligerents.) while  
Mrs. Schwabe is incapable of any - &  
actually makes it a principle to act  
"independently of Governments"-  
[I do not send you Mrs. Schwabe's 2nd  
letter, which is merely an absurd  
outcry like poor Mathilde v. Z. 'S - (&  
a declaration of *your* "satisfaction")  
- I cannot understand; I mean, I understand  
perfectly how German women *can*  
feel in no other way than this -  
& sympathize with them deeply -  
But it is doing immense mischief to  
spread these out cries in England.  
"The One Wicked Man's ambition  
the cause of the War"-  
Do they mean Bismark or L. Napoleon?  
If anything does really come out, is  
it not that Bismark was the knave

& Benedetti the fool? Bismark the monkey & Benedetti the cat?-  
Does *any* man in his senses see any difference ~~in~~ between the policy of Prussia in 1866 & ever since & that imputed to France now? what has this Emperor ever done compared with parts of Prussia's, or rather Bismark's, policy of 1866?

Really this Prussian innocence cry is too bad.]

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The fact is, Mrs. Schwabe ought to have joined C<sup>ss</sup>. Bernstorff's Association for the Prussian side (advertised to-day) - & not have dragged me into anything so unworthy. as appealing to the "people of Great Britain," to the "ladies of England," to send supplies

"to be distributed by the most trustworthy authorities at the Seat of War on both sides"-  
meaning "Professor Rinz"  
& "Mme. de Stael" "at Coppet"!!!

Do not you think so?

ever yours

F.N.

At the same time, I am sure I do not grudge the supplies she has sent to the Hospitals  
*She* has acted - And Col: L. Lindsay's Society has not.

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I know nothing of this letter she mentions from the Crown Princess to Col: Walker (?) I can't read the name - mentioning me -  
Don't you think that she ought

let me know? It may be some message to me-

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About the *whole* of this my letter, I again repeat: if you think I had better leave the whole matter alone, & make no expostulation, I am quite willing -

Wellcome Ms 9003

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F.N.

No. 2

Col: L. Lindsay's  
Meeting

Aug 3/70 [bundle 148]

My dear Sir Harry

I am almost entirely prostrate, & yet feel that I ought to write a few more words about this -

I wrote to you yesterday in ink what I could say in answer to your request.

1. If Col: Lindsay thinks that "supplies" "need not be made up" "according to patterns laid down by "the Convention," then, of course, that passage in my letter must be omitted-

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2. If the Committee (proposed) write to the Branch Organizations at

Paris & Berlin (as they ought to have done long since) they would get all the advice & instructions they want, however,

3.

You see that the French decline taking the services of "foreigners" unless "naturalized", as Surgeons- Do not you suppose, this will be the case, à fortiori, as to Nurses?

[I do not know.]

Any how, the Crown Princess's application appears to me very straight-forward - She does want Nurses - Will Col: Lindsay's "Society" empower me to say anything to her?

She merely wants the names & qualifications &c of Nurses who would be ready to go out, if asked.

I put this into my (ink) letter to you yesterday, so as to avoid taking a side & yet letting it be known.

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[But where are they to come from? By raising a flag, you might get sentimental ladies enough - E.g. [That Caroline Stephen is full

of turbulence & good intentions-  
And, after giving me more  
trouble than ever Mrs. Wardroper  
did, for above a year, is  
absolutely still without any insight  
into the subject whatever.]

But could we recommend such

as Nurses? The real difficulty  
is the responsibility of recommending-  
I cannot undertake it.

Will the (proposed) Committee?

yours

F.N.

I am terrified at what you say  
that Col: Lindsay is "perplexed  
"what to do & how to begin"-  
Have they really got no further  
than that? - It makes  
one despair of Englishmen -

F.N.

4. You see the French say they want  
"money & supplies"-

[end 15:638]

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[15:638-40]

*Mrs. Schwabe*

My dear Sir Harry

Exactly the very evil which any  
child could have told would happen  
~~resulted~~ from Mme. Schwabe's ill=  
advised, not to say dishonest, Circular  
has happened - And I am in the  
thick of it - [Indeed I suppose  
that I shall have to bear the brunt of it all.]

Letters from France tell me that,  
'having seen from the "Times"  
'newspaper that I am at the head  
'of a Ladies' Committee for furnishing  
'supplies & help to the *Prussian*  
'(sic) Wounded - I must be reminded

'that the *French* &c &c &c'

And very painful details of want  
& suffering then follow x x x

I think I *must* ask you to  
inform Mrs. Schwabe of this, supposing  
you approve of doing so -

And I will leave it to you, please,  
to decide whether you should not  
inform Mrs. Schwabe that, with  
your approval, I will draw my  
name [But I leave this entirely  
to you.]

I cannot conceive any earthly  
consideration which would induce  
me to play such a trick upon *any*

woman - least of all, upon a woman  
 sure, like me, to be called to account  
 for it all over Europe - as to obtain  
 her signature to a M.S. circular  
 carefully sent to her for signature-  
 & then to print it to a Circular  
 not only essentially differing, but  
 almost diametrically opposed to the  
 M.S. one in the 2 most important  
 particulars-

[To my overworked & overladen mind  
 & strength is now added the labour  
 of sending personal explanations  
 across the Channel -

I am, most unwillingly, the "Gold Medal"  
 of the 'Société Internationale &, most  
 unwillingly, the member of that of nearly  
 every European country- This morning  
 I have received the M.S. letter of the

Russian Confrérie Internationale des Dames Hospitalières  
 (*signed* by Mme. Bouteneff) asking me  
 to be a Vice-Présidente-

All these people maintain the strictest  
 neutrality. "Pas d'ennemis pour nous" (devise)

I am afraid I must separate myself  
 from poor ill-advised Mrs. Schwabe.]  
 She ought to have attached herself to  
 C<sup>ss</sup>. Bernstorff's Society - & have let  
 me entirely alone -

= Also: I repeat, if her "trustworthy  
 authorities at the Seat of War"  
 are - Professor Ginx & Mme. de Stael,  
 she ought to "appeal to the people  
 "of Great Britain" in the name of  
 Mme. de Stael & of Professor Ginx  
 & she ought *not* to "appeal" in my  
 name -

I hope I am sufficiently clear that

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I entirely sympathize with what  
 she *has* done- viz. sending things  
 to a Stabs Arzt & a Hülf's Verein  
 on the spot who certainly would  
 not have got them so soon, who  
 probably would not have got  
 them at all, but for her-

And I would willingly *subscribe*  
for that.

But that is totally different from  
taking my *name* to that fabulous  
Circular- without my leave -  
& bringing upon me a sea of  
troubles-

[I understand that Berlin has taken  
the Circular in exactly the same  
sense - viz- that I am pledged to  
work for Prussia alone.]

Under this dreadful war which  
is darkening the world where  
people have a right to ask &  
it is our first duty to give every  
help we can, it is too hard to  
be troubled with this sort of  
correspondence-

yours

F.N.

Mrs. Schwabe's last letter to me,  
(which I did not send you)  
runs thus: (I do not answer her letters.)  
'I mean to be impartial -  
'But the French are wicked, rich,  
& want nothing -  
'The Germans are innocent, poor  
& want every thing -

'But I mean to be impartial-  
& therefore will write to "Mme. de  
Stael at her seat at Coppet"'

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By all means - I hail all such  
efforts But why drag me  
into it on false pretences?

[end 15:640]

F.N.

The 'devisé' of the Russian 'Confrérie  
'Internle. des Dames &c' which they have just  
sent me is:

"Pas d'Ennemis pour nous"

& the Red Cross underneath -

Is not this a lesson for Mrs. Schwabe &  
poor Mat. von v. T.?) & all of us?

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Lea Hurst

*"Letts & Esthonians"*

*Evangelical Alliance* Aug 5/70

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry that this should have arrived now, because it will look like a piece of business which I wished to discharge upon your shoulders- whereas it is a thing which I certainly should not undertake under any circumstances -

If you say to me, that you would like to hear the man further, I should write to the man (unless he has already written to you)

that under my own total impossibility owing to excess of business & want of ~~help~~ health, etc. etc.

I do not suppose my opinion is wanted.

~~I shall lose my charactger~~

Character forever as a Protestant if I say this,

BURN.

*Mrs Seacole*

I dare say you know more about her.

(Absolutely out of the question) when we established 2 hospitals I conclude ~~and~~ (& believe) that respectable officers

that, under my own total  
 impossibility owing to excess of  
 business & want of health  
 to...&c &c  
 I am permitted to refer him to  
 my brother-in-law, Sir H.V.  
 who &c &c &c -  
 Otherwise, I should merely write  
 to him, regretting my total inability  
 &c to undertake one more duty  
 or to have an "interview" at all-

[Also: I should not choose to have any  
 thing to do with those Secretaries,  
 (tho' "Dr. Schmettau" is the best of them)  
 whom I once knew a little too  
 well.] (in a case referring to Pastor Fliedner  
 of Kaiserswerth)

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-I do not suppose my opinion so  
 wanted Otherwise I should say:  
 nothing is too bad for the Gr. Church  
 to do - To me who have known it  
 on its own soil, under the most  
 favourable circumstances, it is a  
 standing wonder to see men,  
 like the Dean of Westm: & others,  
 in (what I venture to think) a  
 state of absolute delusion about  
 the Greek Ch:

To me the R.C. Church is a fresh  
 & vigorous tree, bearing pure &  
 wholesome fruit, compared with  
 the rotten old decayed unsavoury  
 dead wood of the Greek Ch:-

But I suppose I shall lose my

character for ever as a Protestant  
 if I say this.

I only mean that I have great  
 sympathy with the poor  
 "Letts & Esthonians"- But I can't  
 carry one "Lett" on my broken  
 back -

Dr. Sutherland (who tells me he  
 is going to Claydon) is  
 much interested - like you -

in the Evan: All:  
ever yours  
F.N.

*My mother* arrived here *last night*  
- in the highest force- Walked in  
the garden for an hour after her arrival

**3***Burn*

*Mrs. Seacole*

I dare say you know more about her than I do-

She kept - I will not call it a 'bad house' but something not very unlike it - in the Crimean War-

She was very kind to the men &, what is more, to the Officers - & did some good &- made many drunk -

[A shameful or ignorant imposture was practised on the Queen who subscribed to the "Seacole Testimonial."]

I had the greatest difficulty in repelling Mrs. Seacole's advances, & in preventing association between her & my Nurses,

(absolutely out of the question)

When we established 2 Hospitals nursed by us between Kadikoi & the "Seacole Establishment' (in the Crimea)

But I was successful - without any open collision with Mrs. Seacole - which I was anxious to avoid -

[You will understand that any 'rivalry' between the 'Seacole' & the 'Nightingale' 'Establishment' was very much to be averted]

Any one who employs Mrs. Seacole will introduce much kindness- also much drunkenness & improper conduct, wherever she is.

She had then, however, one or more "persons" with her, whom (I conclude) she has not now.

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I conclude (& believe) that respectable Officers were entirely ignorant of what I - - - - could not help knowing- as a Matron & Chaperone & Mother of the Army -

9004/61 4ff, pencil, initialled letter also 5ff letter to FN, with commentary by FN + her own letter written on it bundle 148

Private {on diag.} Aug 6/70 [15:642-44]  
 "Aid to the Sick & Wounded  
 Society"\_\_\_\_\_

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for all your information & trouble, by telegraph & otherwise.

I write now merely, ~~a line~~, (because it appears to be 1½ days post from Lea Hurst to Claydon,) ~~tho'~~ to make an enquiry or two - & because you say you shall go to the Comm: Meeting on Monday.

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 1. Will the Nurses "registering" for the Cr. Princess be in a different ~~(in category)~~ from those to be sent out by the "Society"?

I can scarcely suppose, tho' I don't

know, that the Cr. Pr. would let *her* Nurses be under an "Officer of the Society"-

I am sure that *I* would not-

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It is here that all the carpings against these Societies from their enemies come in with, I am bound to say, starling effect.

Except Col: L. Lindsay & Capt Galton, there is not an "Officer" belonging to the "Society", or likely to be appointed by the "Society", whom I would let the least of My Nurses be dependent upon, or "under the authority of"

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With regard to those of their Agents or

Secretaries I know, the "Capt. Furley" of the "Times," is a *Mr. John Furley, a pert young Solicitor*, who translated Mr Moynier's "La Guerre et la Charité" & who, last winter, had some correspondence with me, the folly of which could only be equalled with its impertinence- [He wished to obtain some information from me about our private doings in the Crimea, which I declined giving him- *after* giving him *the official information* he *required* Thereupon, he opened fire in a way which I should think would be deemed 'sharp practice' among *all respectable solicitors*, trying to entrap me into giving him private information by rather unworthy insinuations- I need hardly say that I declined satisfying his curiosity.

Of Capt. Burgess I know little but that he wrote a rather foolish letter to Lady Herbert, fortunately not opened by her but by her brother, who forwarded it to me [I have it now.] It was about the Nurses he proposed sending to Berlin - Now that he is a Secy. of the Central Comm:, I dare say he may do better. But nothing would induce me to give *him* the "responsibility" of "securing obedience" &c &c among any people whom I was responsible for sending out.

[I may just add that, when I hear of such & such a Nurse- that "she has "served under Miss N. in the Crimea," I generally find the after=words (OMITTED) are: "& *dismissed for misconduct* "or inefficiency"

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& above all, *enquiring into qualifications* if these "qualifications" are to be "registered"

You will observe that, owing to the inconceivable silence of the Central Comm: as to advertising (or indeed forming) any arrangements, I am no nearer my answer to the Crown Princess than I was before, since † it is no use telling her that the "Aid Socy." will "register" qualifications for her, if there is no one ~~to~~ (or no one but Capt Burgess) to *enquire into "qualifications"* -

Also: I am no nearer my answer to all these good ladies who write to me - voluntarily

I trust that the Monday's Comm: will immediately put forth some kind of Advertisement or Manifesto - saying what they will do & what they will not -

People are beginning to think it most extraordinary that a widely advertised Public Meeting should be held on Thursday - & up to to-day no kind of advertisement or result should follow - People are beginning to ask: *is it a hoax?*

[It is a very small plea, but still a plea, for an *immediate* advertisement, that I am totally

incapable of carrying on the corresponde.  
 with applicants which their  
 Meeting has brought me - because,  
 while taking all my time & strength,  
 it is utterly unsatisfactory, of  
 course, as I have nothing definite  
 to tell these applicants.]

I trust, if they do come to the Office, they won't  
 be told: there is no information for them, no order  
 no register

2. With regard to Money

subscriptions: -

if there is a collection at Monday's  
 Meeting, please put down £20,  
 for me with 'more, if needed'-

[I will send you the £20 at once

By a providential inspiration I only  
 gave poor dear Mme. Schwabe £5  
 with 'more if needed'- this time -

Last war (1866) I gave her £70

But I saw enough of her ways then.

I am told however by all good authorities  
 that you get more money from the  
 Public if every body thinks they  
 may give their £1 or their 5/0-  
 than if every body thinks, unless  
 they can give their hundred or  
 their thousand, they ~~must~~ had better not  
 give at all.

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 I shall try 38 Up Grosvenor St.  
 for this

My intelligence is obscured by your  
 Claydon posts- I never know when  
 my letters arrive -

ever yours

FN

My dear Sir Harry

I have entirely declined from the first asking the "Nightingale Committee" (vide No.2) i.e. H.B.C. & Mrs. Wardroper to undertake such a responsibility - Mrs. Wardroper has too much to do already-

But you are its Chairman- If you like to ask them, I am quite willing- I should not try to influence them either way -

This Article 2. is a great surprise & shock to me - since I have at this moment before me, in Dr. Sutherland's handwriting, "The real difficulty is the responsibility of recommending"- & his *dictum* in which I heartily concur, that we, i.e the N. Comm, & I,

should have nothing to do with it- but that the responsibility should be thrown on the Aid Society's Central Committee -

Was it possible for me to suppose that they consented to "register" "qualifications," without having any machinery to *enquire into* "qualifications"?

or that Capt. Burgess wrote to the "Times" asking for Volunteers & actually started a party of several (tho' he stopped them) if he had not 1. an organization to make enquiries as to capabilities &c of Volunteers.. 2. full intimation from Prussia that they were wanted.

[end 15:644]

Aug 6/70 My dear Florence follows #61. bundle 148

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[15:645-48]

"Sick & Wounded" [I came home this day  
War 14 years ago from

VOLUNTEER NURSES the Crimean War

My dear Sir Harry

[re the Committee on Monday]

Of course I have had a deluge of  
letters (& Volunteers) since my letter  
read at the Meeting has appeared  
in the "Times"-

The Central Committee has put forward  
no Advertisement, no kind of  
Manifesto, not even an indication  
of its Office, since Thursday, that  
I am aware of (tho' I have  
carefully looked thro' "Times," "D. News  
& weeklies).

I am perfectly at a loss how to act  
What am I to answer to all these

good people?

Seeing no Advertisement, of course they  
write to me "to know how to proceed"-  
[I send you 3 of them, who volunteer  
definitely as Nurses]

What am I to say?

I know neither 1. whether the Central  
Comm: have organized any test or  
examination for Nurses. Of course, if they  
"register" "qualifications," they must  
have some one *to enquire into*  
"qualifications", to examine into what  
these volunteers are, before they are  
"registered."

Nor do I know 2. whether they register  
for the *two* categories - themselves  
& the Cr. Princess- separately - *Am I*  
*to take these persons volunteering as*

*volunteering for the Crown Princess,*  
let *her* know, as soon as their  
"qualifications" have been *enquired*  
into?

Nor 3. do I know whether the Central  
Committee have any organization  
or plan whatever for *their*  
Volunteer=Nurses, when arrived  
at the Seat of War -

[I have a letter from Dr. Sutherland  
who seems to think nothing  
necessary but to "neutralize"  
& commend "to the respective  
Govts." the *Nurses*, like Surgical  
Instruments or bottles of Medicine  
I wrote you a long letter on his subject  
on Saturday, addressed to Claydon,  
hoping that you & Dr. Sutherland would

consult- & some decision be come to  
at Monday's Meeting -

In ~~the~~ my entire uncertainty as to the  
plans or intentions of the Central  
Committee, or whether they have  
any plans or intentions, I have  
written the three enclosed (most  
unsatisfactory) notes to the 3  
(definite) applicants

1. Lady Nicholson
2. Miss Schmuck [?]
3. Miss Lockerby

which I will ask you to post, *IF*  
the hopes therein held out to  
the applicants, are likely to be  
fulfilled by the Central Comm:-  
& *IF* there is any organization at  
their Office for answering the questions  
of applicants, supplying information,

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also:

- that one of the persons whom Capt Burgess ~~was~~ is to send out ~~was~~ is one just rejected by ourselves, because she would submit to no kind of test & that one of the names is different from that announced to Lady Herbert-

But Capt. Burgess has, so far as I know, applied to no competent authority for any trustworthy information about any -

[All this is *most* private, between you & me, as I should entirely decline any struggle about "characters" or "recommendations" with any of "Society's" Secretaries.]

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2.

I am afraid that I feel rather nervous about the action of a "Society" half

whose matter, as far as can be told from a newspaper Report of ye Meeting, was taken from the letter of a poor feeble bed-ridden old woman -

You will think it is I who am carping-

But I assure you I am not -

3. Col: L. Lindsay writes to me again asking me "to tell them any thing they ought to do"-

[I want to know what is their practical idea of conditions for sending out women]

[Let there be no jealousies, or distrusts, in such an "Aid Society" as this.]

*It is impossible they can think of sending out Women=Volunteers to the War-Hospitals to be under a man, an "Officer of the Society", (who can*

know nothing about the government of women, least of all of the government of Hospital=women, but) who is "to maintain order & "secure obedience" & to "have full "authority" among the women -  
Such a scheme could only end in

demoralization, disorder- a great deal of mischief with very little good.

*It is impossible to send out Nurses to War=Hospitals at all, unless there is one woman, a Supt. Genl in the same sense in which I was S.G. in the Crimean War, (appointed, we will suppose, by the belligerent Governmt.) under whose authority every woman going to the Hospitals is placed - & NO woman*

[to be in the Hospitals at all]  
 [EXCEPT *under her* authority] [long brackets]  
 the agent or Officer of our "Aid Society"  
 to exercise "authority" over the  
 women (sent by our "Aid Socy.") *only sent*  
*thro' such Supt. Genl.*- & to "conduct  
 the correspondence" (as regards "Aid  
 Socy." Nurses) *only through communication with her-*  
 Without this, we may be sure the  
 "Aid Socy." Nurses will only be a  
 nuisance - & a source of disorder.  
 It is quite different the case between  
 men & women sent out- A Surgeon=  
 volunteer, if he goes where his post  
 is allotted him by the belligerent  
 authorities, & does his professional  
 duty- need not trouble our  
 consciences farther- But a Nurse=  
 =volunteer unless she is worked up into

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AN ORGANIZED FEMALE DEPARTMENT, is  
 certain to be Nothing but a source  
 of disorder]

I shall regret that I have ever said  
 a word about Volunteer=Nurses,  
 if the "Aid Society" has no better  
 scheme than this, (which its  
 enemies impute to it.)

But I cannot believe it

I think the Crown Princess' scheme  
 of having volunteer Nurses sent out  
 to *her*, is *quite* a different thing-  
 Because she herself is the Supt. Genl.  
 She herself undertakes the responsibility  
 - And, however it is done, I am  
 afraid it is pretty certain to be  
 better done than what the "Aid Socy."  
 does-

With regard to what prospect there  
 is of there being already such a  
 Supt. Genl. appointed by either  
 belligerent Govt. as female Head  
 of the War Hospls. I am afraid  
 there is not much -

*Private* {on diagonal}

On the German side, the Queen of

Prussia told me (some time ago)  
that she had tried in vain to  
have such in the Mily. Hospls. in  
time of peace- following our example  
-- to form a nucleus in time of war -

On the French side, the Supt. Genl.  
is of course the Supérieure Générale  
of the Soeurs de la Charité - And  
these, of course, will not admit  
Protestant Nurses -

*Private* {on diagonal}

[In Capt. Burgess' letter to Lady Herbert, above mentioned, the lady he mentions (he does not give her name at all in his statement to you) as ~~sending~~ being sent out *in charge of the others* to Berlin, is a person totally incapable of being Supt. much less Supt. Genl.

This again is private.]

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I hope to learn what the Committee think on all these points, & propose to do, before they take any step about Volunteer Nurses -

Since, if they decide upon "registering" Volunteer=Nurses, that is in itself a pledge that they *have* some system by which women's efforts can be usefully organized &

safely employed in the War-Hospitals & that they are not to be sent out like cows or bottles of wine -

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Also: ought I to communicate with the Cr. Pr- about all this - tell her that we will "register" for *her direct-* but that the "Aid Socy" *farther proposes* &c &c &c -

As you know, I wish that the "Aid Socy." (Central Committee in London) were, & were *already*, in close communication with the Central Committees at Berlin & at Paris, who alone can tell us what they want, direct us how to proceed - The delay does seem so extraordinary when we know that the *German* Cent: Comm: in London has already

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collected, utilized, & sent out to different Hospital destinations where it was wanted much above £20,000-

Also: that the Central Comm: at Berlin is already in organizing & distributing communication with Committees all along the Rhine -

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I have written this, because you are to be at the Comm: on Monday - Of course all that I say about persons is *most private* - since the ~~they~~ Comm: do not ask my opinion about their agents - *Nor would I give it, if they did.*

But you are quite at liberty, if they wish, to give them my opinion as to the *conditions essential* for sending

out *women* to work in War=Hospitals,  
 as strongly as you like-  
 [I have marked the parts NOT Private  
*in red* - for your convenience.]

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If Dr. Sutherland is still with you,  
 when you receive this, perhaps  
 you will show it to him - [as  
 he knows that I have a difficult  
 card to play with certain ladies]-

And I hope that both you & he  
 will kindly write to me on the  
 subject-

If he is gone, could you still let him see  
 this letter (at the War Office) after you have  
 done with it- ever your affecte.

Florence Nightingale

My mother wonderfully well-  
 quite "jolly"-

[end 15:648]

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[15:649-51]

*Volunteer Nurses*

My dear Sir Harry

In the dreadful conflict which  
 probably will be raging all this week  
 from Treves to Lauterberg, I must  
 not take up your time or waste my  
 strength with one explanation which  
 is needless -

The thing is what is to be done?  
 about these Nurses?

[If I have not been explicit enough early  
 enough in the day, I am the one to  
 repent of it.]

If you have had by this time x. my

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 x. H.M.'s P.O. is a weariness to the flesh  
 I sometimes receive your letters, (with *some*  
 post mark, Winslow & date) the next day-  
 sometimes 2 days afterwards. And I  
 believe it is the same with mine to Claydon  
 Shall I send you your Envelopes with post marked



(a)x. & (b) the Cr. Pr. asked us in  
time of peace - & we could not  
supply her.

But *you, as Chairman,* should  
please ask them both  
questions -

[I had not the smallest idea of  
*our* doing these things - or I should  
have proposed it.]

x. *because it is a responsibility I  
would nowise take myself -*

[2a]

You will see that 1- Dr. Sutherland's  
2. Max Müller's- in absolutely  
contrary directions - each put  
the question on an entirely new  
basis - disregarding entirely every  
thing that has been said, assumed  
or done before -

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Capt: Burgess in his letters, (printed &  
M.S.,) has distinctly implied:-

1. that he had information that  
Nurses were wanted on the Prussian  
side
2. that he had numbers who offered  
& wanted more -
- 3- that he had some machinery  
for sifting their "qualifications"-
4. that he had actually started a party  
[We, i.e. the Nightingale Committee  
or any one connected with it, have  
never been so much as asked, to our

great joy, anything at all about it  
either to find Nurses or to enquire  
into their "qualifications"- I had not  
the least idea of taking this course.

My letter (which appeared in the  
"Times") & my whole idea on the  
matter has shewn that I thought:-  
-rather that a movement already  
begun should be *directed*-  
-rather that Capt. Burgess would  
start women, qualified or not -  
with or without us-  
-rather that women should be  
restrained & called upon to test  
their own fitness -  
- than that a movement should  
be excited an undertaking set  
on foot by the "Nightingale Committee,"  
as Dr S. puts it - a "whole body  
of Volunteer Nurses," as M.M puts  
it, "sent out"-

I was perfectly taken aback by Dr. S.'s "proposals," & stand aghast at the form which it has taken in both minds -

I am most likely excessively to blame myself for not having earlier & more explicitly stated myself 1- on what grounds I went 2- what my views were, & how far I would go & no further -

[I admit I agree with Max Müller in this that, when Capt B- told of his first party, I said, "there are 400 women in Germany better qualified than those 4"-

As to "France," it only shews how little M.M. has considered the subject- since, in France, it is the "Sisters of Charity" who do all the Nursing - & that I have

asked over & over again: 'have not the French refused Volunteer Nurses?'- & received no answer-

Also: the condition which Capt Burgess gave - in good earnest - "persons who can read & write French or German - & who have Hospital experience"

[who but a lady in England "reads & writes French & German"? & what lady has Hospital experience?] I have repented as a means of choking off applicants

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Dear Sir Harry - I admit how troublesome all this is - I am afraid I must either come back to London or decline to undertake the subject - or all this writing backwards & forwards on plans, which I thought I had already sufficiently guarded myself against - & which to-morrow's letter from you may tell me are, as I hope, entirely declined - I am afraid I must decline the advising

which I ought never to have  
undertaken

Not because it kills me -but because  
it appears to me so entirely useless,  
a wasting of your time & mine -  
in mere corresponde. about data  
which every body has misunderstood

every other in laying down -  
& which conversation on the spot  
would settle in a few minutes -

You will see also that I am not  
one step nearer my answer  
to the Crown Princess - (Unless  
you kindly write to me by  
to-morrow.) And I cannot  
delay my answer to her later  
than to-morrow -

Could you communicate with *Dr.*  
Sutherland about this?

**[end 15:651]**

My previous letters to you were:

1. dated Saturday 6th. addressed to Claydon
2. " Sunday 7th. " to Up. Gros. St  
(enclosing 3 applications  
from Volunteer Nurses)

I shall try Up. Grosvenor St.  
for this- I never know where  
to find you -

ever yours affectely.  
F.N.

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L.H.

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My dear Sir Harry

**[15:651-52]**

I am still deluged with  
applications, in consequence  
of my letter to the Meeting.  
1. of women wanting to go  
out as Nurses  
2. of Hospitals French &  
German applying for aid.

I am still in the most  
absolute uncertainty how  
to act, since I know  
nothing of the Central  
Comm:'s plans & intentions,  
or whether they have any.

I enclose one letter from  
an Irishwoman & my  
answer, for you (please) to  
post, if it is in any way

Wellcome Ms 9003

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to the purpose - of which I

am totally ignorant. How does the Central Comm: mean to treat such applications?

To the French & Germans who apply for help to their Hospitals, I reply that I will lay their applications before the Central Comm:, as soon as it is in working order - which I will do, thro' you, if you will permit.

[On the whole, I think poor dear Mme. Schwabe's method of working was right. I see however that she has given in her adherence to the Central Comm:.]

I have received from

Paris a 'Journal Officiel' with all the names of the Civil Hospitals who have offered to take in wounded.

I suppose it is sent to me to lay before you, for help.

I have written a no=meaning letter to the Crown Princess, because I could no longer delay the expression of my deepest fellow=feeling for her exertions (she is a person who *might* go in the paths of mischief-*if not* of good) & stated that I hope soon to give her more definite information of the kind she wants. (Nurses). [Poor thing - I think she must know better than Max Müller

what she wants.] God knows that they will require in the Hospitals all the way from Frankfort to the line on (now behind) the Saar all the supplies we

can send them. How I  
wish I were there! What  
thousands must be now dying of want.

My mother quite bonny.

ever yours

F.N.

{upside down, bottom of page:}

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~~May I beg that you will~~

~~believe me Madam~~

Your

[end 15:652]

9004/65 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:574]

I never saw my mother better  
in her life.

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Thank dear Emily for her  
most kind offer to help  
me - I shall always  
remember it - But I am  
afraid it is impossible -  
At present my 'organs' are  
so weak that I cannot  
talk more than 1/4 hour  
a day -so that when I see  
Mama, I don't, to my great  
regret, see Papa - I am  
afraid that no one could  
help me except by doing  
things *instead of* me =  
& that, of course, is impossible  
except to one (*who does not*  
*exist*) who has been engaged

in my business for some time.  
But I shall ever remember  
her kind offer.

[end 1:574]

Tell her that, tho' I had  
not the grace to acknowledge  
her letter about the 'Home &  
Colonial,' yet I entirely agree.  
I think that she overrates  
the 'H. & C.' But I am not  
at all afraid of telling her so,  
because she will certainly  
gain a great deal there, if  
only in testing her own powers.  
[I hope that she will not stay  
on, attending there, too late  
in the year in London for  
health.]

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I think that people should not trample on the man (the Emperor) when he is down -

I should not have thought even for newspaper etiquette- that the language of the papers about abdication was justifiable, any more than it is considered justifiable to assume the grossest criminal's ~~guilt~~ execution while his trial is pending.

If there is any difference between the last 6 years' criminality of L. Napoleon & Bismark, is not Bismark's the worst? 'the blacker devil he'- & oh that we cannot say of any man on *either* side in this awful war, 'and the more angel he!' The world is darkened indeed -

You see the Florentine joke on the Benedetti-Bismark transaction. O it is bitter!

I think it such intolerable both of M. Müller & others to forget (& suppose that *we can* forget) the history of the last 6 years - "an outrage of public right & the independence of all nations" And what was the war of 1866?

And is there anything in the darkest times to transcend the base villainy, even taking Bismark's *OWN* statement, of treacherously leading an ally, a friend, into writing him improper papers, & then publishing them to the enemy, to the world, to damage the betrayed friend? F.N.

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*Lint*

My dear Sir Harry

These are the questions  
which every International  
Comm: except our own  
not only answers but  
asks.

If you approve of my  
answer, post it, please  
& transfer Mrs. Fenwick's  
letter to the Comm: in  
hiding.

yours  
F.N.

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{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 10/70  
~~Park Lane,~~

**[15:652]**

*Mrs Schwabe* ~~W.~~

My dear Sir Harry

What do you say to my  
acceding to Mrs. Schwabe's  
request?

I would most gladly  
do it, if you don't think  
it will "compromise my  
neutrality".

If you don't approve,  
don't send the enclosed  
note to her- without an  
addition from yourself-

yours  
F.N.

**[end]**

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Aug 10/70 [in pencil] [15:652-53]

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your two letters about the Aid Soc'y.

I have written to H.B.C & to Mrs. Wardroper, finding that you had done so - about Nurses for the Cr. Princess.

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All kinds of applications of different sorts continue to pour in upon me. even as to how to make lint & bandages-

What I fear that people are saying is this:

it is 21 days since Col: L. Lindsay's first letter appeared in the "Times"

it is many days since an Association was advertised with the Pr. of Wales as President.

No advertisement has as yet appeared as to *what* supplies in kind the Society will accept- nor where to send them -

nor any advertisement for subscriptions.

no advertisement has yet appeared where people volunteering personal service, money or help of any kind can apply -

The Society does not even advertise its own Offices- & they are discovered with difficulty -

if we are willing to make supplies, we know not to what patterns to make them -

if we are French or German Hospitals wanting help, we know not where to apply-

as the Aid Society shews no signs of life, we suppose its Office is

"Miss Nightingale, London" (sic) [end]

And this when the Paris Office, telling *all* these things, has advertised every day for 3 or 4 weeks in the Bulletin, Journal Officiel, & many other papers - And so has Berlin.

and this when probably every London daily paper would be glad to put in its advertisements every day gratis - enquire

I am nothing of a publicist- Still it may be worth while for me to tell you this -

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Shall I send applications in to you, as  
before, to forward to the Aid Society?  
or shall I send them in direct to the Soc'y.,  
and, if so, addressed to whom?  
I own that I shall do so with a full confidence  
that they will never be answered -  
probably never even read.

I assure you that I have not found one single person who has been able to ascertain even where the Socy.'s Offices are - If *they* were hiding from their Creditors as I am, their success could not be more complete - nor my failure more entire

And this when there are at the very least 150 000 wounded at this moment & may be twice that number tomorrow **[end 15:653]**  
 ever yours FN

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Since I wrote this, I hear that **[15:653]**  
 dear Emily has joined the Ladies Committee "Sick & Wounded."

I shall certainly make use of her to send applications through- as I understand that the want of business at the Office, (St. Martin's Place) passes all belief - No one gets an answer-

Will you tell Sir Harry that I give my name to the Ladies' Committee, as he desires - As for the work, it cannot surpass (probably not equal,) the correspondence I have to do now - **[end 15:653]**  
 F.N.

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Thursday Aug 11. **[15:657-58]**

My dear Sir Harry

H.M.'s Post Office was invented not as a terror to evil doers but as an instrument of torture to the inoffensive like me - for which I hope Rowland Hill will have some purgatorial punishment, but I will let him out in 1500 years.

I have had (yea received) numbers of letters during the last fortnight, directed simply to my name (F.N.) without any address at all. And they have reached

me miserable -while your letters which  
were of real importance to me to receive  
[the Claydon letters come sometimes  
in 1 day, {sometimes in 2 days  
those, post-mark: Bletchley Station} sometimes 1½]  
but here is the letter *posted in London*  
on *Monday 8th.*, with "Matlock" on it  
as plain as can be, which does not  
seem to have left London till 10th., &  
which reaches me to-day Thursday 11th..

It was of great importance to *me* to have  
it at once. I felt quite sure that you would have

the goodness to write after Monday's Meeting - And here have there been all sorts of cross-purposes written, because it did not come, *P.O. culpâ*.

1. About the Ladies' Committee:

as you wish it, I have no doubt about giving my name. [I am (an unwilling) Member of all the Foreign Societies.] & can't help it.

Of course I can't attend.

Of course they must not print my address-

As to corresponde., I don't see that any thing makes the least difference - If I were Secy. to the Comm:, I could not have more, from the moment my name appeared on Mrs. Schwabe's Comm: -

2. Ought not Mrs. Schwabe to be on the Ladies' Comm:?- She does really work - more than they all.

3. Why is not Longmore (who has been twice

our representative at the (Red Cross) Convention) on the Central Comm: ?

4. I am a very poor publicist. But, when I see the Aid Socy. (putting (in "Times" & 'Daily News') that they hope *when they are better known* "to do more," I ask myself, what, in the name of the Eleven Thousand Virgins, they *have done* to make themselves "better known". If each of the 11 000 Virgins had collected £5 (and I think they ought in all the provincial towns of England to have enlisted 11000 Virgins) you would then have had £55 000 which is

not ~~much~~ more than twice as much what the *German* Central Comm: collected in less than 10 days [Every German workman in England subscribed, I am told.]

I am afraid to offer advice, because I do not understand publicizing. But I should have thought that, *now, now, now* when all England is excited about this War, (they think of nothing else) now was the time when thousands would give 5/ and hundreds

of thousands 1/ - whereas if, (May it please the Almighty!) England & the neutral powers shortly intervene to procure peace, if France collapses, *who* will give then *in England* for the 6 months' horrible Hospitals which, *after* the close of a War, you must reckon upon -

Also: I should have thought, that many thousands would give 5/ *once* for *this* misery which they read about every day Who would not give 5/ a *year* for *memberships*. Yet this last is all, as far as I see, that the Aid Socy. advertises for)

I have written a long letter to Capt. Galton & begged him to show it to you-

I should have thought that the Aid Socy. might advertise (gratis) in every London daily paper every *day* & every provincial paper, & have a Ladies' Collecting Office in every large provincial town for the smallest sums.

But you want some one man, like Standish Haly, or the people who raised the "Patriotic Fund," to give himself up entirely to managing this advertising & contributing work for you.

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5. I am so glad you sent to poor Lavalette I dare say you are the only person who has spoken a kind word to him.

I hear the "Times" called: Bismark's organ I think it is little better.

It is *not* on Schleswig Holstein that we ought to judge & condemn Bismark - [I am & have been for Sch: Hols: (like you), before Bismark was born]

Europe has a very different score against him than that.

And if England lends herself to be at the head of a Neutrality league, with this result that Bismark is to be left to work his will in Europe, Europe will rue the day yet more than this awful war.

I think England is gone mad - To write down L. Napoleon at such a moment as this- - can any one doubt what, if France were seriously weakened, the consequences to Europe would be? - The "Times" has written better, I am thankful to see, to-day.

I see that you are now at 32 S. St -  
Have you heard anything more of Lady  
Herbert? I did not know that she was  
again "ill at Paris."

- - -I will not recur to some (back) things  
in your Monday's letter about Nurses, since  
things are shaping themselves differently, except to thank you for  
them. **[end 15:658]**

9004/71 1f, pen, initialled letter

Friday Aug 12.

[15:658-59]

My dear Sir Harry

Since I wrote this, I have received yours of yesterday - Many thanks.

I am glad to see a faint beginning of advertisements in "Times"-

The "Aid Socy" printed sheet, with "Resolutions of General Comm:," is very good in itself but quite useless for the purpose of raising an *urgent* Subscription.

*That* should be done by representing the urgent distress, the urgent necessities of the Wounded - their numbers every day in every daily paper-

I have written a second letter to Capt. Galton & begged him to send or shew it to you (with its enclosures)

You should have Ladies' Committees in every provincial town, as the French & Germans have.

I hope Capt. G. will also show you my letter of yesterday 11th.

I send you £20 from myself

5 " my father

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Cheque for £25

Till yesterday, no one knew where to pay in money. so I wrote the Cheque to *your* Order-

I will write tomorrow to Claydon.  
ever yours

[end 15:659]

F.N.

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I am most thankful to see in to-day's paper, (only just come) advertised,

[15:662-63]

the List of Subns.

- List of Articles wanted  
Ladies' Committee -  
appeal for local Ladies'

Sub-Committees-  
advertisement of Office-

Wellcome Ms 9003

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notice of ~~ever~~ a Meeting  
at Windsor -  
every thing that can be desired.  
I trust it will be continued  
daily in all the daily  
papers

**[end 15:662]**

F.N.

5.p.m.  
Saturday

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Lea Hurst

"Aid Society"

Aug 13/70

[15:659-62]

7.30 a.m.

My dear Sir Harry - I wrote to Capt. Galton-

- Unfortunately Capt. Galton was to go to Paris & ~~France~~ Auvergne last night for 10 or 12 days.

I recapitulate:

1. the printed Circular with "Resolutions of Committee" of the Aid Socy. (tho's quite right in itself) is comparatively useless as a means of obtaining popular Subscriptions for an urgent necessity

People look upon it as they would upon an invitation to subscribe to a "Social Science Association," or an "Agricultural Improvement Socy.," or anything of that kind.

The same may be said of the Advertisement of Membership, £5 or 5/ a year, (which now does at last appear in the "Times") But what we want is not "5/ a year" but a great many 5/=es at once.

2. what is wanted is-

[to appear every day in every daily London paper (immediately above the "Theatrical Announcements") & in every provincial paper.]

- - an appeal for subscriptions & contributions of the smallest sums *immediate*
- - an acknowledgment of all the sums received day by day

- a List of the *articles wanted* & where to send them -

(not appearing *once*, as in Col: Lindsay's "Times" Aug 11 letter- but every day in every London & provincial paper)

3. 2 or 3 stirring lines giving in a few words the numbers, necessities, & places of the wounded - which, forgive me, is cried out for by all whose "intelligence is not obscured by official intimations."

[Col: Lindsay's letter, about the 1000 *Wounded* at "Times" Aug 11 Aachen (Aix la Chapelle, I mean) is excellent, as far as it goes - but that sort of thing should be repeated every day in every London and provincial paper- & giving every place where there are Wounded-

Mannheim

Treves

1000

1000

&c &c &c &c &c.

- it is said that, in all, there are not  
much fewer than 150,000 - in some places  
entirely unprovided for.]

It makes me mad to see (in the prominent Advertising  
place in the "Times" "Voysey Defence Fund"-  
what does it signify whether "Voysey" is  
"defended" or not- "Derby Memorial Fund."

what does it signify whether Ld. Derby has a statue or not? "Great Fire at Constantinople"- contributions between £12000 & £13000 - what *is that* conflagration to *this?* between the two most civilized nations of Europe. "German National Central Comm:" upwards of £26000 - that indeed I am glad to see - but why don't we do like them?

So far as I know, the Subn. at present consists of

Col: Lindsay £1000

the Queen £ 500

& about five hundred other pounds.

And "£1000" has been sent abroad!! instead of £26000!

In the "Times" of Aug 12 (yesterday) I see that "contributions *have been received*": then why, in the name of wonder, not advertise them? & acknowledge them in an advertisement?

In no daily or weekly London paper do I see any advertisement *daily* appearing- or anything like an advertisement- of the pressing, life & death, urgent, *present* necessities of the Wounded, "as urged by the Aid Socy."

O it is wonderful! wonderful! wonderful!  
[And such a contrast to some things that I remember of a like kind!]

5. What is wanted is:

a Ladies' Committee in *every provincial* town to collect the smallest sums & supplies in kind

besides a very active Ladies' Committee in London -

[If Col: Lindsay could get up a Meeting in the large provincial towns & thus start men's & Ladies' Committees, it would be as well]

6. a Lord Mayor's Meeting in London would be as well.

7. But, above all, advertise! advertise! advertise!

- Of all the deluge of correspondence I have had for the last month, not one has heard of where your Offices are, what they want, what they do, what they accept  
- scarcely one has heard of your Society at all

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Where *is it* known at all,

It is looked upon as what your Circular intimates- a sort of standing permanent Society, to which there is no hurry to subscribe - not as an urgent appeal to relieve the necessities of 15,000 wounded, of two nations in the grip of death & agony.

8.

In Germany & France they have a Ladies' Committee collecting in every town & village

- I have sent Capt. Galton some of these "*Journaux Officiels*", & provincial French papers, to shew what we ought to do.

Unfortunately he is gone.

- I sent him a "Prefecture du Nord" paper, "comité des dames de Lille" collecting "dons en nature et en argent." &c &c

That is what every town in France & Germany are doing- that is what we ought to do -

I sent him a "Journal Officiel" "with a List of all the Civil Hospitals in France up to the end of last week which take in Wounded from the Seat of War. To many

of these the advertisement is added:

say "250 beds more might be offered, but funds are wanting"

Or words to that effect, *mutatis mutando*.

These are the people we might help, of course thro' the Central (Red Cross) Committees at Paris & Berlin respectively- or others like that at Aix la Chapelle.

I hear, from private accounts, of the distress, terror & bewilderment of the French in the provinces as something terrible.

But these sufferings are the things we ought to advertise, (not that 5/ makes me a member of a Society. We want every body's five shillings=es in at once)

9.

Next, pardon me, of all the Hospitals in France & Germany who write to me, many of whom advertise separately in "Times" afterwards

e.g. Madden for Bonn  
Ranke " Munich

Bp of London " Darmstadt (withdrawn  
Ernethausen (London) for lint &c  
Mrs. Collinson Hall " "

&c &c &c &c &c &c

none had never heard of your Socy. at all -

I should think it was in the highest degree impolitic, if you want to get a *general* subscription from the public, to let the public contributions be all frittered away among all these little places. The public gets puzzled- don't know to whom to give- & don't give at all- The good policy surely is- to have *one* general national subscription, in the hands of *one* society for distribution & for making grants.

But these people advertise because you don't- because they hear nothing of the Aid Socy. get nothing from it.

Pardon me for speaking out so brusquely  
10. I should have thought that nearly, if not all newspapers would have inserted such advertisements gratis.

But I take for granted that the Socy. has already tried for this, & been refused.

As to the 2 or 3 letters that *have* appeared from Col: Lindsay, Ld Shaftesbury &c, I know what happens (by myself) if I send away a paper,

to some one who asks me, without making a copy, I know ~~it~~ the letter won't appear next day. So people either miss it, or mislay that particular paper - or, like me, with overburdened hands, are forced to make copies, if they want to send it about to others.

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I enclose Capt. Galton's note in answer to my letter of Aug 11, which I asked him to send on to you. But most unfortunately you see he was too hurried to do anything

I enclosed to him a direct application I have received made to the Aid Socy. for assistance from St. Pierre (Calais).

= Unfortunately too I wrote to him again yesterday (Aug 12). If you could get this letter back, & read it *with its enclosures*, I enclose a fac simile of its envelope & an order to the servants to give it you.

I don't know whether Marianne Galton is at 12 Chester Street. If she is, of course she could open the envelope & give it you

In it, I asked Capt. Galton to send the letter on to you  
*because of its ENCLOSURES ever yours affectely.* **[end 15:662]**

Florence Nightingale

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Aug 14/70

[15:662-63]

My dear Emily

I am most thankful  
to hear that there is some  
one person doing BUSINESS  
at 2 St. Martin's Place  
at last

I send you, please  
5 applications  
(4 from Nurses? Volunteering  
1 " Surgeon)  
& my proposed answers.  
- If they meet with your  
approval, please *post*  
them.

But I should, if it were  
I, *put your printed "List  
of Articles wanted,"* into  
(you have probably plenty of copies)

every letter so sent,  
with, if possible, a few  
words, such as I have  
put in to Miss St. John's  
letter, asking people  
to collect, (as a sort of  
Advertisement, since the  
papers don't advertise.)

Would you send me a  
*bundle of copies of such  
printed "Lists"?*

[Sir Harry has only sent  
me one]

I shall put one into every  
letter I write.

[The printed Circular ("Resolutions") of the  
Aid Socy. is no use at all]

2.

Into my letters to the Surgeons

volunteering, I have put  
the Socy.'s Form of  
Application - I conclude  
it is for *Surgeons* alone,  
tho', if it were not for the  
masculine at the back,  
something of the sort  
might do for Nurses.

[Sir Harry only sent me one  
Could you send me more?]  
And, above all, if there is  
any Form for *Nurses*  
volunteering, please send  
me a *Bundle*.

Would you be so very kind  
as to ~~forward~~ have all  
these applications registered  
- also to send on the three  
I have marked, viz.

Miss St John

" Gordon

" Jennings

to Hy Bonham Carter, Esq  
11 Lombard Street  
E.C.

I will tell him for what  
purpose they are coming.  
ever yours

F. Nightingale

May I take the liberty of  
asking you to post the  
letter to Mrs. Taylor  
(enclosed)?

[end 15:663]

9004/75 1f, pen, initialled letter

My dear Sir Harry

The letter & 'appel' which you sent me  
were the enclosed from Mme. Henri Mallet.

[15:663]

I send you my answer open- If you  
approve it, please have it weighed, stamped  
& posted.

I will send you 5/ by opportunity.

I do not like either Mme. Mallet's letter or  
Appel.

1. If they have no Deaconess or Committee  
Lady who can answer such questions as  
she addresses to me, they had better not

take the field at all. Because both French & Prussian Ambulances are so good that they will be laughed to scorn  
2. I felt much inclined to add but thought it too *risky*: - the strength of Germany at this moment is that, after centuries of religious wars, Protestant & R.C. unite together - Nurses are wanted because they are good Nurses, not because they are good Protestants -

~~Also,~~ However, no doubt there is room for all.  
 But [At least we have the sense to write &  
 ask the French what they want-  
 But she writes to ask *me* what they want.]  
 However, I *could* write her a caution, if you  
 thought it would *not* be misunderstood,  
 that a Nurse should be a Nurse, not a  
 tract - giver - not a Protestant -  
 in *another* letter -

Please return me hers - & the Appel  
 ever yours  
 FN

[end 15:663]

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[15:669-70]

Aug 16/70

My dear Emily

To our grievous disappointment, your  
 packet of (copies of) "*List of Articles required*  
 for Sick & Wounded Soldiers" is not come.  
 It must have missed the post. [I asked for it  
 in my Sunday's letter.] ought to have said: "by return of post"- I  
 could have sent  
 away 20 copies to day- My Aunt Julia Smith  
 aiding- I told her they were sure to come this morning  
 because *you* were a "man of business." They  
 may come by this afternoon's post. But I fear  
 she will be gone tomorrow - [I have made  
 all the use of Newspaper Advertisements. (& M.S.  
 copies of them) I could.] But it seems  
 to me that what you want most, except  
*money*, is to spread those Lists, the knowledge  
 that those "Articles" are *wanted*. PRAY SEND THEM.  
 2. You say that you have sent off to the Nurses  
 the "Form of Application" of Surgeons -

I think it should have been modified.

Also, do you take notice that it says,  
 the Applicant must engage to pay "the actual cost

of his travelling expences"?

Do you mean this to refer to *Nurses*.

I am far from saying that you did not  
But, if you did, it will choke off 19 out of  
20 applicants, & all (or almost all) ~~any~~ who  
have Hospital experience.

And I am far from saying that this is a  
bad thing. if intended.

But hardly any Englishwomen, *used* to  
activity, will be ~~he~~ able to go without "PA{cut off}  
& a smaller proportion still without their  
expences--

= I have asked the following questions over & over  
again, by others & for others, at your Offi{cut off}  
--& never obtained the slightest answer  
or any but a contradictory answer:

are the expences, (travelling, cost of dr{cut off}  
&c &c,) of the Volunteer Nurses sent out, to be ~~to~~  
paid?

who bears the cost of their maintenance  
when arrived?

- same for Surgeons.

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No one seemed to know- At all events,  
no one has answered the question.

Yet it must have been settled for the  
Nurses & Surgeons already sent out.

I enclose a letter, such as I think you  
wished me to write, for Sir Harry.  
ever yours affectel.

F.N.

*Private* {on diagonal}

I hear thro' Capt. Galton at *Paris* that  
the Ladies' Committee don't want our Nurses.  
"they have already such an enormous number  
of women applying"- this is such a relief to  
me.

My belief is that it is the same in  
*Germany* as to Nurses - If they ask for ours,  
it is to make political sympathy.

How I wish they would say the same  
as the French!

[end 15:670]

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August 16/70 [15:666-69]

My dear Sir Harry

At the risk of being troublesome, I will say again how very much care I think & know to be necessary in the *selection* of Volunteer Nurses for the War- in order to prevent them from becoming a source of mischief & disorder instead of order & comfort - from doing a great deal of harm & little good.

In my very long experience of the world in this kind of thing, I have ever found (& learnt from others whose experience I value more than my own) that

1. testimonials are not worth the paper they are written upon. [The worst ~~woman~~ Nurse is often the one to get the most testimonials.]

2. what they *tell you of themselves* is often of as little worth.

Besides Hospital experience you want, in women who are to go to such a new & difficult service - great firmness or weight of character  
 disposition to obedience  
 a certain 'esprit de conduite'  
 great discretion-

gentleness & goodness  
 a high spirit of integrity & honour  
 business-like habits  
 common sense (the most uncommon  
 quality of all)

& many other qualities which will occur to all - (& which I have dwelt upon to you many times). And you want the most stringent examination to find out whether these qualities exist, without which the woman may be a Nuisance.

[But, if you knew how often I have known women selected & appointed as Nurses or Supts. for having served, e.g. under me "in the Crimean War" or under " at " -

This was true; but, "discharged for misconduct or inefficiency" was omitted. Yet not a word of enquiry took place. I only give this as an instance. I could fill my sheet with such.]

2.

Next, I would try to show (what I think is not at all understood by the "Red Cross" Convention, whether in ~~France~~, Germany or England,) viz. the entirely different, if not opposite ground on which stands War Nurse=Volunteering in England from what it does elsewhere - & the

infinitely greater care it requires in the *selection* of the women - & why the *best* women will never volunteer in *England* as they do elsewhere, as a general rule. [Of course there are exceptions.]

"North Germany" is far larger & more populous than England. and apart from the resources to be drawn from the women in families, to whom and to whose mothers War is & was far more familiar than to us, the Countries now called "North Germany" contain many Orders of Deaconesses, (affiliated & non=affiliated to Kaiserswerth) many Roman Catholic Orders of Nurses, & many large Civil Hospitals served by seculars. Besides, With a national *civil* Army, like that of N. Germany, all classes of women, ladies down to peasants, volunteer for the Field & temporary Hospitals, where they are among their own relations, in a way that can never be in England (until our Army is levied in like manner) & do a great deal of good.

[I think a good deal of 'bosh' is talked by the "Red Cross" Convention, e.g that "we ought to be able to pour 1000 women into their Field=Hospitals, "like the French & Germans, at a day's notice" &c&c&c]

Such a thing can never be & never can be desired in England.

As to France, for centuries they have had many & immensely large (Nursing &c) Religious Orders - the Sisters of Charity alone number above 15 000 Sisters. The French Government, to their eternal honour be it spoken, have always employed the services of female Orders, using them as Relieving Officers, ASSOCIATING theirs services with the services of SECULARS, *both men & women*, placing Institutions in their hands &c [In all this *our* Government has always lamentably failed, especially in the utilizing the services of women.] The difference practically which it makes in the business-like service of women, both in peace & in war, can only be known to those who, like me, have served actually in France-

In France there will always be, and I am told at this moment actually *are*, quite enough Sisters of Charity & secular ladies & Nurses volunteering without our help

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The English Trained Nurse is better than any other in point of cleanliness & 1000 other little vital trifles- Of that I am convinced. But English Trained Nurses *do not speak* German or French- & *cannot* as a general rule *serve without pay*. ~~But~~ English Trained Nurses we have not to send out, without bringing all our own Institutions to a stand still. They cannot leave their situations- to serve abroad.

And what CAN you do *in time of war* to "raise the tone of Nursing", as it is called? (by those who know nothing about it) even if you could send Trained Nurses.

[We are not speaking of Scutari, please remember, where everything had to be organized, even to the washing & cooking &c, but of German & French Ambulances & Hospitals, where, as a *general* rule, all this is much better done than it was done or than in English War-Hosppls.]

You will observe, from all this, that my conclusion is: that, *without the most careful selection*, we shall, with difficulty, send Volunteer Nurses from here *at all equal* to those who are

already acting in great numbers in France and Germany - & may very easily send Volunteer Nurses who are very *inferior* to those to whom we send them.

3. Most wisely- you send out Nurses only by on a written request for them from some authority on the side of either belligerent. to which I would add: place the women, if any, (under whatever forms relative to the Aid Society. and under whatever internal organization may be adopted) at the disposal of the Prussian authorities [the *French* having declined our Nurses] for distribution in the Army Hospitals to serve there under the orders of the Superiors of the women, however termed, already serving there, and under the directions of those women.

Whatever authority settles where they are to be sent, let them, I should say, on arrival, serve with and under the natives, not separately i.e. be placed by the Prussian Superior of the Prussian women already there. Let them, according to their capacities, and to the wants or emergencies of place & time, work hard & usefully in Wards, Linenry, Laundry, Kitchen or Stores. Do not put Prussian soldiers under a foreigner's charge; let the foreigner help, and effectually the native, but distribute them the Nurses as capable & hardworking Assistants, not principals.

Avoid, I would add, "parking" the women in separate Hospitals under "British" doctors. Treatment, dressing, diet of Sick & Wounded are quite different in England and Germany. Put the Englishwomen under the natives, & let them do the best they can to be useful.

[It would depend on various things whether one of the English Nurses, in each Station, should have a qualified priority over the others and whether a Superior, however styled, preserved some kind of oversight over all. e.g. at intervals inspecting them, conferring with the German Superioresses.]

All the above would have to be qualified as regards associating in subordination English "Sisters" with German "Sisters"- fundamental rules (as in the case of the "Sisters of Charity"- (St. Vincent de Paul)) might forbid it.

Most unwillingly I give (my asked for) advice in these things and I would not do so but that I see the German branches of the Red Cross Convention quite ignorant (the French much less so) of these obvious & undoubted

facts- At least they do not appear at all  
to have considered them. And what is far  
more extraordinary neither have the English.

4.

But let me say with all my strength & heart & with all the earnestness of which I am capable, I know that *Surgeons, Money*, different sorts of Hospital matériel (which are being advertised for) are, on both sides, French & German, at this moment pressing, essential, life=&=death necessities.

There is no danger of our sending too much of *these*: there is great danger of our not sending one hundredth part enough. [Of course we should send only after communication with authorities in France & Germany.]

I do not know whether we should send a Field Hospital entire. *That* I believe that better authorities should decide. [I myself have been asked for plans & patterns of Field Hospital=huts, (Baracken), from France, having been known to have interested myself a good deal in the best construction of these, in the Crimean, American & German Wars] But what we *do* absolutely & urgently know is that our fellow= creatures are in misery from

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what *our money, our Surgeons, our lint, linen, water=cushions, wine, essence of meat, &c &c &c &c* - might & would relieve them ~~from~~ at least in some degree -

Believe me, dear Sir Harry,  
ever your affecte.

Florence Nightingale

May I once more repeat how wholly different it is in principle (& organization required) sending out War Surgeons from War Nurses? War=Nurses *cannot* be safely & usefully sent out without making them, when arrived, a constituent part of some definite female War=organization under Government of women There is nothing of the kind requisite as to Surgeons, even *mutatis mutando*. War=Nurses cannot be sent out safely & usefully, either, F.N. without very particular qualities, which may be

Wellcome Ms 9003

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summed up in: weight  
of character.

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[15:669-70]

Dearest Emily

I *entirely* agree with you that Sir Harry had better not continue working at this unlucky Committee, if it affects his health - especially (as you say) {cut off} he has not proper servants {cut off} cookery in London.

[I am so sorry that I cannot offer you my little cook -But she was much tried in the summer, (has a 'temper',) & I {cut off} already sent her on a well-earned {cut off. holiday into Herefordshire]

If Sir Harry does stay in London, his wife is certainly [cut off] person to come & take care the [cut off] him (with a cook) I cannot of quite agree with you as to its {cut off}ing "self=sacrificing"- is it not

rather a *privilege* - for his wife to come & take care of him And would she not think it so?

[There are, as you know, all sorts of "inviting" little tender things, Panadas, Turtle Soup & the like to be had at Gunter's Berkeley Square. I have often fed Invalids from there.]

2. I do not think that much essential business goes from me thro' Sir Harry to the Aid Socy. now- I will gladly (all this in answer to your questions) send any common business to Major de Winton, if you will give me a sort of introduction to him, & the proper way to address him & to Professor Longmore, when he comes, if you will tell me

when he does come - But it would be unwise of me, of course, to write criticizing letters or advice as to the way the Socy. business is done, to two men, one of whom is a perfect stranger to me, the other known only by corresponde.

[As a general rule, one should never write anything, liable to be misunderstood, to a person one has never seen or conversed with or tested.]

Capt. Galton will be back by Friday week at farthest. And I will resume any 'confidential' communication on Socy. business with *him*, when he comes.

[As for Capt. B. (privately & entre nous)

I *could* only write to him on business, in order for that business NOT to be done. & must decline his intervention, alas!

2A.

N.B. I obtained this morn[cut off] **[15:670-72]** for the first time the information that "the Surgeons sent from "here are to be allowed 20/ "per diem for travelling expences '& keep."

[Do they the Surgeons refund the "actual cost of their travelling expences (vide Form of Application) the{cut off} out of that?]

But what arrangements are made for the "keep" of the Volunteer *Nurses*?

You cannot give a woman, of course, so much a day like a man- Every care of that kind for herself must be taken off her hands & she must be boarded & lodged, without car [e] to herself, in the Hospital where she is. I understand however

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that for those who were sent  
to Aix la Chapelle "money  
"has been given to Mr. Andresen  
"to provide for the Nurses' keep  
"if required."

3. How I wish I could help  
you about your Mayors &  
you country Ladies' Committees.  
But indeed I am so entirely  
without knowledge or experience  
in such a matter. Some  
*man* accustomed to manage  
those things ought to advise you  
I should think that, to write  
to *some one competent* active  
lady, in the various towns proposed,  
who is a friend, is the most  
direct way to the point-  
And a public Meeting in the  
towns should be if possible  
got up-

But indeed I am not fit to

advise you on that part of the  
business.

[There are people in England  
who understand such things:  
e.g. Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Hall

Mr. Standish Haly  
the Lord Mayor

&c &c &c.

or any of the tall-talk ladies  
e.g. Mrs. Taylor, the Chairwoman  
of the Women's Suffrage Associat[cut off]  
Mrs. Butler,

of another recent Association

Surely tall-talk ladies ought  
to help in such a matter as  
this - *what are they in the  
world for?*

I am quite serious-

4. Many thanks for the packet of Circulars &c I was so sorry, dearie, that I wrote to you about it at all, I mean about their not coming. The fact is, I suppose, I was afraid they had missed in the post altogether - My father has a great objection to sending to the 2nd. post. My aunt Julia Smith rode herself to Matlock to fetch letters by the 2nd. post, & was not back till 9 p.m., (when we saw our beloved packet.) I wish I had not mentioned to you their non=arrival.

5. I shall be *quite* anxious to hear that Sir Harry is out of London if, dearie, you are uneasy about him.

You may tell him anything I have said above, about my doing business thro' the three I have mentioned.

I will not write to him (Sir Harry) again except thro' you - you saw I did not yesterday - & then you can use your judgment as to giving him my letters (about this Aid Socy.) or not.

but I hope, dearie, that you will not lay *yourself* up

I wish I were in London.

[3]

6. Could you send me *some more* copies of the Circular: "Notes on Society for Aid to Sick & Wounded in War"- Sir H. sent me 3 today- but only 3.

I think it would be a good deal better, if you were to print on each printed copy

of "List of Articles required &c  
the address of your Office  
"2 St. Martin's Place"-  
& a few words to the effect  
that Articles collected are  
"to be sent there with as  
little delay as possible"  
-if you pay CARRIAGE, I would  
print that too.]  
Otherwise one wastes so much  
time in writing to people  
what to do.  
I fancy there is no danger of your

getting too many goods.

[I think you have done wonders in arranging.]

7. I was going to write to Sir Harry (but think I will refrain for the present) to ask whether your London Ladies' Committee could not be made a stronger one - You see, so many of those upon it who have heads have no legs - & so many who have legs have no heads. You have no one of the business calibre of e.g. Mrs. Bracebridge or Mrs. Sutherland. Mrs. B. could not come. But Mrs. Sutherland might. You have no such earnest worker as Mrs. Schwabe -

And indeed I think her ~~wo~~ Comm: a more working one than yours - Lady de Grey & Mrs. Hobart are, I believe good workers. Lady Monteagle, in my day, was a *first rate* Committee woman. I could mention others, but, you see, I was dead before you were born- And I am afraid of not giving good advice- on these kinds of things- in my old age. [I don't know people.] Lady Monteagle, I should think a very good adviser as to people. &c &c

I must leave off, dearest & indeed I feel I have not written a word that will help you in the least degree. Believe that I am ever yours old & affectely. (Aunt) F. Nightingale

[end 15:672]

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Dearest Emily

I think you are doing wonders.  
=If you have 3 efficient Committee  
women (yourself inclusive)  
don't mind what I said; it  
is perhaps best to go on as  
you are than to try new ones.  
But what I was thinking of: is--  
how will you be able to go on,  
(you 3,) for weeks and months?

[15:672-73]

I will not take up your  
time with writing.

2. If you can send me more  
copies of  
"Notes on the &c &c &c"  
& of both 'Lists of Articles' x.

I can dispose of a great many  
more-

x. if with printed addresses of your  
Office, so much the better.

Thank Sir Harry very much  
for his letter received to-day.

I hope that he is going *not*  
to knock himself up.

And you, too, my dear.

3.

I do not hear that Mr. Longmore  
is come. Is he?

4.

Is it intended that 8 St M.'s Place  
should still be at the foot  
of the (advertised) Subscription  
Lists?

It *is* so - instead of 2 - St. M.

5.

I send

(1.) an application from Nurses  
at *Glasgow*-  
to be registered please,  
& my answer,  
to be posted, if approved -

(2). another note from an  
Irish woman, Co: Tipperary,  
who applied before & has  
already been registered  
& has applied for information  
at your Office  
& my answer, to be posted,  
if approved, please.

[I dare say it is not much  
use sending "Lists of Articles"  
to *these* people. Still it is  
as well to neglect no chance.]

I send

(3) merely pro forma.

"Henry G. Dickson's" letter.

As I don't know him enough to  
remember him (tho' I remember  
he applied before) I can't  
know him enough to recommend  
him.

(4). an application for help  
from an English Dr. (Madden)  
for Bonn- proposing to receive Wounded  
He subsequently advertised in

the "Times." [I answered that  
I would lay his application  
before the Socy..] If you  
will just turn it over to  
Major de Winton, or to  
whomsoever is right - - - -?  
If you tell me: send all these  
applications to Major de W.  
direct - & tell him that  
you have told me - I will  
do so-

[end 15:673]

ever your affecte. old Aunt

F.N.

Aug 18/70 Don't tire yourself  
with writing to me,  
glad as I am  
to hear from you-

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Please thank Sir Harry for his letter. **[15:673]**

I need little to convince me about Mrs. Schw.

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Dearest Emily

Very many thanks for your letter, information & Circulars. & more particularly for telling me that Sir Harry is better. I shall be quite glad to think of you & him at Claydon tomorrow evening.

I will only trouble you today with {please

1. *Miss Julia Graham* {REGISTER (volunteering as Nurse) & my answer (please post if approved)

2. *Miss Kilvert* - Derby offers contribution=money & my answer (please post if approved)

3. *Miss Marsh*= my letter to= merely enclosing papers

ever yours (please post if approved.) **[end 15:673]**

F.N.

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{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 21/70 **[15:673-74]**

~~Park Lane,~~

~~W.~~

My dearest Emily

I think that you & Sir Harry seem to have been doing wonders in organizing - And money & contributions in Articles seem to be coming in. But alas! Wounded are coming in faster.

I don't wonder that you "enjoy" the work which you are doing so well.

Only keep well.

Please send me MORE

Wellcome Ms 9003

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CIRCULARS. & Lists of Articles.  
I send you

1. a letter from  
Miss Conyn-Macfarlane  
offering £5  
& my answer  
please post ~~with~~ & put in it  
a printed receipt from THE SECRETARY for £5  
if you can get it
2. a letter from  
Mrs. Goodfellow  
of Gloucester  
offering services of ladies  
to work  
& my answer  
please post  
unless you have anything more  
to put in it.

I will send you a Cheque  
for the monies, ~~if~~ I hope  
to get some more -  
Do you see on your Circular  
that you tell people  
where to send more than £5  
& under £5.  
but £5 exactly you don't  
appear to let them send  
at all.

[end 15:674]

ever yours  
F.N.

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Dearest  
If at 3 or at 4 (please say which)  
but for a very few minutes only, I am afraid  
I had Sutherland & Mr. Ellis here all day  
yesterday - And Mr. Ellis started for India  
in the evening. And I had such a bad night

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9004/83 4ff, pen, signed letter blue paper bundle 148

Aug 22/70  
6 p.m.

[15:678-79]

My dear Sir Harry  
Your telegram just  
arrived -  
Post just starting.  
Your question a difficult

one to answer-

    You say: "Douglas Galton  
is at Paris"- He would  
be a very good judge -  
I should trust him.

    I hear from France  
that wounded are being  
directed on Arras &  
Calais. I should

have thought Calais a better place than Rheims. I suppose Rheims is selected for its comparative vicinity to the last great battles before Metz. We did not think the American Hut Hospitals (so much praised) in the Civil War. very good. They raised the Mortality of the Wounded to 10 per cent. They had too many beds in each ward.

The huts were double & too near each other. This is probably however not the nature of your question - but whether we, English & Americans, should undertake a Hospital of our own with English & American Doctors & Nurses. I confess my dislike to this. French soldiers do not like to be put under foreigners. There are other objections. I should always much

prefer aiding them, the French authorities, to taking the thing out of their hands - French soldiers too like to be under their own Sisters of Charity. But I feel that, with only the limited information in the Telegram, I am a most incompetent adviser. If it is intended however only that we should

Wellcome Ms 9003

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furnish the Funds,

that is for the Aid  
Socy. to determine -  
& whether they have  
funds enough -  
Capt Galton said that  
an Ambulance complete  
cost from £10 000 to  
£11 000 & £1000 a  
month keep. (300 beds)  
but extensible to 1,000)  
[The "Medical Times" said  
an Ambulance cost  
50 000 fr.]

We have extremely good  
patterns of Hospital  
Huts now at the War

Office if you were  
thinking of sending  
these out  
Could you consult Dr.  
Sutherland at the  
War Office about  
this?

Avoid putting Wounded  
into old buildings at  
Rheims (or elsewhere.)  
But, as I said before,  
I should trust Capt.  
Galton as a good  
judge. if he is there

And, I need not remind  
you, that our principles  
are to work in  
accordance with the  
advice of the Red  
Cross Committees at  
Paris (& Berlin) as  
to what is most  
wanted.

I feel how imperfect  
is this answer -  
in haste to save the  
post

ever yours  
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 9003

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Aug 22/70 More & more we {box around "More....we"}

try not to accumulate  
the Wounded in towns  
or buildings - especially  
not in old towns -  
We scatter them round  
towns in huts - &  
'baracken'

**[end 15:679]**

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[15:677]

My dear Sir Harry

I send a Cheque to your Order  
for £31.5.  
to wit

Miss Conyn=Macfarlane..... £5  
(whose letter- & my answer  
I sent to Emily yesterday-  
with a request that she  
would put into it a  
Secretary's printed Receipt)

Mrs. Frewen Turner ..... £1

Mrs. Nightingale .....£25  
(my mother)

[And 5/- if from me, not as the  
"annual contribution" of "A Poor Female"  
but for the stamps disbursed for me:  
to wit, Mme. Mallet & c ] 5

Paris -----

£31. 5

Please apologize to Emily for my not having  
sent Miss Conyn Macfarlane's £5 yesterday  
as she would not be able to get a printed  
Receipt from the Secretary (at least she  
ought not) without the money in a neat heap

before his eyes- But I was interrupted  
just as I was finishing letters for the  
post & could not.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Verney & Lady Sarah  
Williams are here. They all report  
themselves well - all send love to  
you & Emily - & admire what she  
& you are doing.

You seem to be doing a great work.

I have letters from France saying

1. that the efforts of the authorities in the  
provinces are paralysed by the provisional  
state of Government at Paris in  
preparing for Wounded at provincial towns
2. that the "Times" does a great deal of harm

in France, unsettling people who would  
lend their weight against revolution,  
& irritating the quiet & steady.

I think the baseness of the "Times" must  
ever be remembered - which was the  
"Moniteur of Bonapartism" & now  
kicks ~~it~~ him when ~~it~~ he is down.  
But I have no time for politics.

[end 15:677]

I have received a most pathetic  
little book, (from a Society of Russian  
ladies who asked me to be their Vice  
President) of prayers & portions of  
Scripture in many European languages  
for the Wounded & Dying Soldiers in this  
War. So far as I can judge, they  
appear remarkably well chosen.

(The English prayers mostly out of our  
Communion Service)

Have you the book at the "Aid Society"?

When one thinks of how many tens of  
thousands there are at this moment to use  
such a book, one can scarce read it without tears.  
in great haste yours F.N

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*Private* {on diagonal}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 22/70

~~Park Lane,~~ {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

[15:677-78]

I am requested, or rather it is suggested  
to me, to suggest to the Society for "Aid to  
Sick & Wounded" to ask the Secretary  
of State for India whether the India  
Office could help by granting leave  
to Volunteers, Medical, Military or Civil,  
for Hospital work.

Unfortunately, the D. of Argyll is in  
Scotland, Mr. Grant Duff in the S. of France,  
& Sir Wm Baker, who is Chairman of  
the Military Commee., has no direct power  
to originate anything. So time, which is so  
invaluable, will be lost.

Still a line from the Society would  
start the question.

= Sir Bartle Frere has suggested to Sir

Wm Baker that many of their Medical & other Officers, civil as well as Military, now on furlough in Europe could be very useful in the War Hospitals, if they were put at the disposal of the "Aid Society" & if volunteers for such service were allowed to count time, which the Society could certify, had been usefully passed in the War Hospitals as "on duty"- [He would also pay travelling expences of such volunteers - but is more doubtful of this passing, even if Sir Wm Baker proposes it.]

I do not suppose that this, (as to what *has* passed at the I.O.,) must be made use of in any application to the India Office.

I give it you only for your own information, in case you should think well for the "Aid Society" to write officially to the S. of S. for India on the subject.

Pray believe me  
ever yours affectel.

Florence Nightingale **[end 15:676]**

Sir Harry Verney Bt MP.

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"Subscription Lists" greatly approved **[15:682]**  
More wanted - also Circulars.

Aug 23/70

Dearest Emily

The "Aid Socy." is doing good work at last under your auspices- And *your are a credit to your country!*

Did you send me the "Echo" (of Saturday) for the first Article "Religion & War"? If it was, I should have something to say to it, *anent* French Protestantism & Martin Paschoud, one of the best men in Europe. Don't trouble to answer

Wellcome Ms 9003

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this.                   {"Fred & his wife just   **[end]**  
ever yours            {gone very well  
  F.N.        {Lady Sarah still here

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Aug 23/70

My dear Sir Harry

[15:679-81]

I am afraid that the hurried note which I wrote you last night, on receipt of your Telegram about the proposed English-American Hospital at Rheims, was not of the least use to you - And, what is worse, I am afraid that I have not much more to the purpose to say now.

What ~~we~~ all think, I believe, is this: (you & I & every body) -

The necessity for a Hospital (including means of transport &c &c) must be

decided, of course, by superior authority [the worst of it is, I suppose, that there scarcely is any Government or Military authority in France now]-

But to offer to establish & pay the costs of a Hospital at any point which the Military authorities may decide (if that point is Rheims) & the Paris Aid Society may sanction, seems a very efficient way to help & may save much frittering away of effort.

The Americans seem to have their Marquees ready, as you say. I have no doubt

they are the best sort.  
Next; I would point out the dangers of putting Wounded into old buildings - [you say we talk of "hiring a building" at Rheims.]

Single small huts or even pent houses (with plenty of blankets) outside the Town, if we put up anything, are better- carefully echeloned, not close to each other in line, [it was the American adaptation of our plans in their War which resulted in a 10 per cent Death rate instead of 3 per cent.] We have good lithographed plans showing the simplest wooden construction at the War Office.

Then, "Dr. Evans" who, you say, starts the plan, I have no doubt you know - as well as his book (which he sent me.) He belonged, I believe, to the American Christian Commission, the American Sanitary Commission, & the Red Cross Convention, -- all three. He is, I believe, one of the best of them - & lives in Paris.

[I should think, if we join with the Americans, some little "convention" between us might be necessary. But two or three business-like men, like Capt. Galton, on each side might easily settle this- I mean that if we are to join in finding funds, they might wish to do something ~~whi~~ (with

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our funds) which we should think completely contrary to good Sanitary or administrative principles - & the converse -or vice versâ. It is well to anticipate all grounds of dispute]. All these things are so obvious that I am only afraid of taking up your time by enouncing what you have thought of 100 times.

Supposing, then, Rheims, in the present position of the Belligerents, to be the place fixed on by authority. & supposing us to be acting in concert with & by the advice of the Central Committee (Red Cross) at Paris, as at Berlin,

there remains the point about the "attendance"- you say that "the attendance & every thing should be in common".

Subject to better authority than mine, I should very much deprecate that the whole Hospital should be under English & American Surgeons, ditto other (Administrative) Officers & Nurses-- [tho' I don't know that this is intended.] It is impossible to explain to any one who has not been much in French & English War- Hospitals how different the treatment, dressings, diet, the whole tone & management of everything are. how wretched an

English soldier would be  
in a French Hospital -  
how ten times more wretched  
a French soldier (with his  
excitable morale, which  
so influences his physique  
& his recovery) would be in  
an Anglo-American Hospital,  
without seeing his Officers,  
his "Sisters of Charity," his  
horrible Charpie &c &c  
about him.

But Dr. Evans, Dr. Frank  
& many others, both English  
& American, are just as  
much French as English or  
Americans still - I don't know but -  
I would not have the  
whole government & Staff  
of the Hospital Anglo-  
American- even if all the  
funds are found by us & them.

= I see that, in the Ambulances  
hitherto fitted up, the  
"attendants" (Nurses) were  
exclusively "male." This  
simplifies matters very  
much - because nobody  
would dream of sending  
out English Orderlies- French  
Infirmiers, both Civil & Military, are so much better.

What I *should* deprecate  
is:  
the forming of a Staff of  
English or American Nurses  
to serve under British  
or American "Doctors"  
exclusively- to receive  
French or Prussian Wounded.

The Hospital might be  
superior to the native one-  
But it would not agree  
with the natives.  
at least so far as I can judge

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I think that the Sub=Committee you propose, to consider the "American proposal" at Paris, with Capt. Galton at their head, a very capable one- I should be quite satisfied with their decision.

I will only add by way of parenthesis that I don't think Mr. Furley, in his zeal for the Red Cross Convention, however good a man of business in other respects, -possibly not even Capt. Galton -has at all considered the Woman Nursing question - or the total improbability of "our" "pouring in" Nurses as Volunteers at all equal to the French & German Volunteers.

I am however thankful to think that this question has been settled for us by Madame Canrobert so wisely & decidedly declining our Volunteer Nurses, ("however superior they may be," as she said.)

I do not want to fatigue you by recapitulating what I have already said too much. I will only refer, on the French side, to the immense number of "Sisters of Charity" & secular women, accustomed to work with them, volunteering -on the Prussian & German side to the circumstance of their national *civil Army* & of the civil Army women who volunteer with their

husbands & brothers. When a Prussian Prime Minister's son goes into the field ~~to~~ as a private to fight- a Prussian Prime Minister's daughter goes into the field as a "private" to nurse. But can you even imagine such a state of things in England? Thus they will always have a far superior order of Volunteer= women than we shall have.

In fine, if you decide upon our having a Hospital, jointly with the Americans, (who have behaved nobly,) at Rheims, we will redouble our efforts to get the money. And perhaps we may be able to give some Sanitary hints, as to huts &c too. For the French have always admitted

our superiority in this. So have the Germans. xx.

[Has Miss Burdett Coutts been asked to subscribe?- I dare say she has -& subscribed too]

I feel quite shocked to think how little I have been able to say, *if* anything, to help you about this Rheims question.

What frightful battles those before Metz- How they will fill all the Hospitals that can be put together!

xx. An unknown correspondent at Coblenz has sent me a copy of "Daheim" full of wood-cuts of Hospital huts, tents, stretchers, &c &c &c. Some are good- some we have better- some would be greatly improved by a mere trifle, e.g. the Prussian Marquee.

[end 15:681]

ever yours F. Nightingale

9004/88 3ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 148, and 7204

Aug 25/70  
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am extremely obliged for all your letter of valuable information.

1. I heard from Kaiserswerth Aug 8 that 60 Deaconesses left that place the day before under an old friend of mine, Sister Sophie Wagner, for the 2nd. Corps d'Armée, under Prince Frederick Charles, to serve in conjunction with the Johanniter Brüder, by special requisition made for the Deaconesses. [The places of the 60 at Kaiserswerth were filled up immediately by volunteer German ladies & Nurses. But the writer gives a curious account of the trouble the remaining Deaconesses had in fitting the Volunteers into their world. If this be the case with German volunteers at home of whom nevertheless there is always plenty - what would be the case with English volunteers, unused to the work of War, abroad - & of whom there are so few to choose amongst?

2. I had a really beautiful & feeling letter from the Crown Princess - date Aug 19

She says that she is just going to see 4 English Surgeons who have arrived from England [I suppose Dr. Mayo's whose letter I see in "Times" to.day]

- that the Hospital necessities at the Seat of War are dreadful - notwithstanding all that has been done & the generosity of every body -

that they want for nothing at Berlin where of course they have not the worst cases of Wounded & where everybody is intent on doing for them

that she is going to the Hospitals of the Rhine "to see if she can be of any use") & to see what is wanted -

that she will write to me from there. & tell me "what she sees & what is going on"- [She does not say one word about Nurses -which is rather a relief to me after

all the wild talk there has been among the "Red Cross" people of

our sending "1000 Volunteer=women."]  
Surgeons, money, Articles - above all, money is  
what every one says is wanted. But I entirely agree

that we ought not to send money merely to *relieve the Governments* of what THEY ought to do. (which, when the "Red Cross" was first started, I state as strongly as I could at Geneva & Berlin.)

3. I am delighted to hear that you are doing "so much business." You have succeeded in bringing order out of chaos & in doing a great work, which is an honour to the country.

Still, tho' £25000 or £30000 is a sum which no one thought at first would have been subscribed, or anything like it, if an single Ambulance costs £10 000 to fit out, this awful carnage at Metz will suck up a great deal more - to *spread* the Wounded. *Pray don't trust to "Condy's Fluid."*

[Madame Canrobert's Commee. collected I am told, for France £80 000.]

I have no doubt of the information being correct that money or even Articles cannot be rightly sent into France without some one to see that they are properly employed.

[I have many private letters from France, which say that the people are so convinced that the gifts which they used to bring in freely are sold by the Trésor for the general purposes of the War that they keep back their gifts now to apply themselves to the Wounded & Indigent from the War. (But I think

I mentioned this before)-  
Of course this does not apply to the "Red Cross" gifts. But, in such a state of disorganization as poor France is in now, it must be almost a chance whether everything is not seized upon for purposes of defence]

I am sorry that the French "make a difficulty about receiving our Surgeons"

No doubt Capt. Galton will be able to give information about what we ought to do- I shall be very anxious to hear what he says - I write to him to.day.

I hear that the Prussians have not only ENORMOUS numbers of Wounded but DYSENTERY & *Ophthalmia*, owing to bad food & sleeping in the fields, in their Armies

before Metz- that the disorder & disorganization of the French even in the Camp at Chalons are beyond belief - no food- no lodging. consequent disease-

I say again: pray don't trust to "Condy's Fluid" for preventing "pestilence" in Hospitals.

I hear that Thiers & Trochu are the "real centres" "of France"- & may be "in a few days" "at the head of a "Gouvernement Provisoire."

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I send back Mr. Ward's letter - with many thanks. It is very interesting, as all such letters for persons full of information on one side must be. But I think he neglects the other side. However, I don't need to take up your time & mine with this. But let us not forget that, at the time of or soon after the coup d'état, (Lord John Russell?) the Prime Minister of England declared in the House of Commons what he knew that we knew that he knew was untrue - viz. that the coup d'état was a great act of patriotism or of good Government or some stuff of that sort- This to secure a strong ally. We have **[15:683]** perpetrated enough baseness in kicking L. Napoleon now he is down & a weak ally. If the Govt. had, as Mr. Ward wishes, declared openly their disapproval of him now, that *would* have been: capping all baseness.

We have our reward. The Prussian papers, so far from being satisfied with our licking Bismark's shoes, are clamouring that we ought

not so much as to think of mediating a peace, till they have conquered France. If Prussia next turns her victorious arms against us (by sea)- what a reaction there will be. Oh then Napoleon will indeed be the whiter devil. **[end 15:683]**

[~~But~~ Only that the Cr. Pr. is very spontaneous, tho' ambitious, & that she would not think it worth while to *make* friendship to me, I could almost think her letter meant:- we have no part in all this Prussian newspaper bluster.]

But that we have not seen the end of the blacker devil, Bismark, I suppose every one feels convinced, first - & that secondly, had he died in his cradle, Europe would not now have been deluged with blood.

I think it so like "straining at a gnat & swallowing a camel" to dwell upon *Napoleon* having sent the Declaration of War.

I am delighted but not at all surprised that "prudent E.," as you call her, has shown so much good sense, energy & wisdom in restoring our affairs.

Depend upon it, she will do great things. ~~yet~~. I have always thought that, if she has health, she will be a "great man" yet in doing some important work for God.

Pray send me more "*Subscription Lists*" when you can spare any. You have, I thank God, many better workers than I. And I don't want to take away from such, if you are short of papers. But I also thank God that I see subscriptions & c

in great haste  
ever yours  
F.N.

9004/89 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 148

~~Thursday~~ Friday Aug 26/70

**15:684]**

My dear Sir Harry

1. Did you observe that in the Times of *Thursday* & of *Friday*, in the List of "Contributions received by the Secretary" nearly half of the names were the same?

I hope that he does not count sums twice over. As the "amount already acknowledged" was £23,339, on Thursday, & to day (Friday) £26 000 or £27000 odd, it would be rather awkward.

I was looking in the Times to see if Miss Kilvert, our Supt.'s & our Nurses' at Derby Infirmary's contribution was acknowledged (one of those I had directed to pay in to 2 St. M.'s Place). It was not there. But I counted 28 names & sums consecutively & then 30 names & sums consecutively- the same in both Thursday's & Friday's papers. And there were many more the same.

I did not see any *the same* in "Messrs Coutts" acknowledgment on Thursday & Friday.

2. Could you kindly point out to Emily that I think there is a mistake in the printed "List of Articles" enclosed?

It seems nonsense.  
Ought there not to be a stop after

"lint from 8 to 10 inches long"  
& then "each bandage" (bandage of what?)  
something seems to be omitted.  
It may be my own stupidity -  
But I don't understand  
"bandage" of "lint"?

3. Parthe wrote me a little note yesterday  
saying she had sent us "the Graphic"-  
No "Graphic" has come. We have enquired  
upstairs & down.stairs. in great haste  
yours F.N.

**[end 15:684]**

Wellcome Ms 9003

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{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~  
~~Park Lane,~~  
~~W.~~

Dearest Emily

I have written to Mme.  
Schwabe.

She did not write to me.  
I will write to you  
tomorrow-  
in greatest haste  
ever yours  
F.

Aug 28/70

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Aug 29/70  
7.a.m.

[15:687-88]

My dearest Emily

I was charmed & amused by your  
delightful letter Some day, if you & I have  
time, I could cap your charming stories with  
the things good people at home used to do &  
write to me in the Crimea- & the prescriptions  
they used to send & even bring, imploring &  
commanding me to get all the Army Medical  
Staff & the Commander in Chief to order their use  
- of which good people, your friend, S.G.O.  
was not the least exacting & troublesome.

What a pity it is there is so much good  
fun wasted! in one's own breast!

Even now, I have been obliged to say, to  
a great many applicants, that we can  
neither accept nor transmit prescriptions-  
that I cannot forward them to you - & that  
we must send what we are asked for & *not*  
what we are *not* asked for-

But some people's enthusiasm in the  
cause of Lint is truly praiseworthy. By this time  
you will have received a packet of Lint from  
a lady made out of- what do you think?  
her husband's surplice+ a very pious use. Shall

I write to your (& my) ideal Maude & tell her to send you her husband's surplice for lint for the Wounded?

I am so glad that you find a little peace in the Harmonium.

Yes, truly: 'not to be "in a hurry" is a great part of religion.

About poor Mme. Schwabe, would it be possible to let her send in her applications in writing to Major de Winton or the Gentlemen's Committee. & leave them to be considered, like other people's -

I suppose you have tried this & she will not be content.

I enclose you a one scrap I had from her. No doubt you have had it before & many times from her. If she would be satisfied with sending in information like this!! This scrap is very interesting.

I think that you & Sir Harry have saved her reason. She says: nobody but Sir H. & you

"understand" her. No doubt you do "understand" her, poor woman! perhaps a great deal too well.

It is a great relief to me to hear that Sir Harry is better. I am afraid he has been very much worried-  
But then, my dear, without you & him, I don't believe that they would have got organized at all!

Could you send me some  
*Subscription Lists*

I have plenty of everything else in the Circular Way - only "Lists of *Articles wanted*" are also always acceptable-

[end 15:688]

ever your affecte. old Aunt  
(I am ashamed to say  
F.N. "in haste")

9004/92 2ff, pen, initialled letter blue paper bundle 148

Aug 29

I was delighted with your letter in Friday's Times. It was a capital letter - hitting the right nail on the head. Ours is the only War Office in the world which would have neglected such material as our Volunteers are made of- But while you are most justly directing the attention to having proper organization, administration, Commissariat & other services, Officering & for our Volunteers & Militia, will no one awaken to the fact that

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in the event of a War our Control service would be found in a worse condition than the French Intendance? That they had "ni vivres ni cartouches" was ~~the~~ one real cause of the loss of Wissembourg & Wörth [?] that they had false muster rolls- Divisions only on paper- was another. Were we to go to War, we should have neither efficient Commissariat nor Transport nor Hospital service, nor rifles, ~~but~~ Batteries only on paper. &c &c &c

I am speaking of the Regular Army.  
"300,000 rifles in store!"  
("in store" meaning *in Canada*  
"for a considerable portion.")  
And this will run

Wellcome Ms 9003

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through the whole -  
F.N.

**[end 15:688]**

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Aug 29/70 [15:689-90]

My dear Emily

I was very glad that you gave me a hint about Mme. Schwabe. She did write to me by the same post. And I have written as soothing & calming a letter as hurry, the foe of religion, would permit me. also appealing to her reason - But I fear I shall do no good. She has no reason, dear/poor darling woman How I wish that her amazing earnestness in the cause of good could be utilized in some way. Of course I agree that it is utterly out of the question for the Society to employ her as "one of its Agents abroad"- as she proposes - And I have told her so as gingerly as I could.

But I believe- now I begin, leaving Mme. Schwabe, for you - (don't, unless you entirely agree, show this to Sir Harry- I hate to worry him-) I believe that men of business very much share Mme. Schwabe's opinion about the dilatoriness of the "Aid Socy." in sending out help- i.e. of the Gentlemen's Committee- not of yours- for you seem to have sent out

your Articles in kind as fast as was possible. I do not at all venture an opinion, because it has been my theory all through life, if you work with a Gentleman's Finance Committee, you must leave to *them* the administration of the Funds- If you ~~distributed~~ distribute, as Mme. Schwabe would have us do, on the authority of a few individuals, you must collect *in the names* of those individuals- If you collect in the name of a great National Society like this, you must leave the funds to be distributed on their authority.

But what I understand "men of business" to say (e.g. two who have subscribed at my request, wrote to me on the same day as Mme. S.) is: subscribers to the "£40000," on account of the ~~people~~ imminence of the emergency, are angry at the (provoking) coolness of

Col. Lindsay's letter in Thursday's "Times"- the Aid Socy. acknowledges nearly £40000 - & Col. L.L. acknowledges to having spent

about £5000. [this is not quite a true  
estimate of Col. L.L.'s letter-  
but still there is truth  
enough in it to be perhaps  
worth attending to]

There is not a doubt (I go on with my  
 "men of business"))  
 that the Churches, public buildings &c &c &c  
 are overcrowded with Wounded to that  
 degree that they will become another  
 Scutari before long-  
 that, if the English would send out hundreds  
 of Hospital Marquees, even this would  
 hardly relieve the overcrowding-  
 that there is Cholera & may be more -  
 -Dysentery, Scurvy, & all the train of  
 diseases of overcrowding & bad food  
 which we knew so well in our Army.

Then ~~people~~ "men of business" ask:  
 what is Col. L. Lindsay waiting for?  
 till matters are worse than they are now?  
 there never can be such a need for  
 help as there is now.

Here ends my "men of business" & very  
 unreasonable you will think they are.

in haste {next 3 lines cut & pasted on?:}

the "Aid Socy." in sending o{cut off}

{cut off}ntlemen's Committee- not

{cut off} to have sent out

I have not "let on," even to my own people, about this-  
 My business is to collect, not to criticize -or let people think that  
 their money is not spent. [end 15:690]

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[15:695-96]

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your letters

I was rejoiced to see in ~~Col. Lindsay's~~ the Society's letter  
 in Saturday's "Times" that *Hospital*  
*Marquees* are asked for.

Hundreds of Hospital Marquees & Huts & the like would but  
 relieve the overcrowding of which we are  
 already assured that it is making the  
 Churches, public buildings &c occupied  
 by Wounded a second Scutari & a worse.  
 All the disinfectants in the world will not  
 make up for the danger of having one man  
 too many in a ward.

The real disinfectant, so far as preventing  
 disease is concerned, is: *room & fresh air.*

"Condy's fluid" is of no use whatever in diminishing those diseases which are the result of overcrowding, bad air & dirt.

[How should it?]

"Condy's fluid" will stay putrescence & remove bad smell. In rough Military Hospitals, sheds

& the like it is useful  
for putting into buckets with water for  
collecting dressings  
in foul wounds, applied on dressings & the like  
in accidental fouling of floors or furniture  
or bedlinen until removal or cleansing  
can be effected.

"Carbolic Acid" acts in a similar way, & may  
be used for similar purposes. It is now used  
for dressing bad wounds with advantage.

-But, in most cases, *the "irrigateur" with  
pure soft water* is preferable.

Chlorine gas is sometimes useful in destroying  
smell

CHLORIDE OF LIME is still however *the best*  
material for all such accidental occurrences  
as mentioned above.

But all these disinfectants put together  
will not prevent one disease of overcrowding.  
Nothing but removing the cause will do that.  
Nothing but *thinning the Patients*.  
Nothing but *room & fresh air*.

Pardon my insistance -

One must have seen the diseases of Hospital  
overcrowding as I have to realize what  
is already the case in *these War Hospitals*  
on ten times our scale.

There is not a doubt that already there  
is pestilence from overcrowding in the  
old buildings occupied by ye Wounded.

incipient Cholera

Dysentery & Scurvy- beginning in bad  
food, aggravated in the Hospitals. &, after  
serious wounds, ending in death.

It is not at all a bad plan (& seems  
to be practising now all over both in France & Germany)  
quartering the Wounded in twos, & threes &  
tens in private houses - the people being  
held responsible for them: Surgeons- & if  
possible Nurses- going round to give  
directions & do what is needed.

It is far better at any rate than crowding &  
collecting the Wounded into old buildings,  
where no Surgeon's skill, or Nurse's, can  
save them from Hospital diseases.

It has been much pressed upon me lately that, if the "Aid Socy." could see its way to sending out Hospital Marquees or the like at once, many hundreds of lives might be thereby saved - or thousands.

**[end 15:687]**

Pray believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

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[15:687]

My dearest Emily

I trouble you today only  
with

1. Miss Alice Rowland  
    Scarborough  
2 young ladies 19 and 22,  
and one old Nurse a servant,  
volunteering to go out as Nurses.

& my answer:

Please post if approved.

2. Miss M.A. Whitmore  
    Manchester  
2 young governesses offering  
their services as Nurses  
if expences paid  
    & my answer.  
Please post, if approved.  
As the latter, Miss Whitmore,  
asks privacy, perhaps you  
had better not register *her*.

I only send them thro' you,  
because, if they do apply,  
it is better you should have  
all 'the correspondence'.

3.  
I could do with a great many  
more "*Lists of Articles*  
required"- also with  
"*Subscription Lists*".  
[Of "Gentlemen's Comtee." Circulars  
which are not much use  
for getting anything, by themselves,  
& of "Notes &c" which  
people do like,  
I have enough.]

4. Poor Mme. Schwabe writes  
again. And I have -  
written again, as soothingly  
as I could.

5. A good many Subscribers  
write to me  
that the Aid Socy. must  
*spend* its money

not try to create a Fund  
but to *spend what they*  
*have*

~~Otherwise~~ that the public will  
give more if they find  
the money spent.

[You will think I am as  
bad as Mme Schwabe.]

I hear from very many quarters

that the sufferings from  
want of Sick & Wounded  
are very great- & that  
more food should be  
sent. This I believe  
The misery seems incalculable-  
ever your loving old Aunt  
F.N.

Take care of yourself-

[end 15:690]

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I am quite thankful M. Mohl  
is with you.

[15:691-92]

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My dear Sir Harry

I return these most  
interesting letters with many  
thanks- And many thanks  
for your own too.

[It is a great satisfaction  
to hear that Parthe is come  
up to you.]

I know that you have  
yourselves the best of all  
information from your  
Agents- I do not trouble  
you therefore with mine-  
at least only as a  
supplement to yours.

What I hear from very  
many quarters, as urgently  
wanted, on & near the Field, is:  
food -

sufferings of Wounded  
from absolute want of food  
blankets

2000 English blankets  
would be most acceptable  
can't be had for money

Hospital Marquees  
over crowding terrific

Surgeons &

Surgical Instruments

~~all~~ none of the above cannot  
be had for money -  
at least not on the

Wellcome Ms 9003

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spot-

I am asked  
 cannot volunteers from  
 among Surgeons on half pay  
 be had from the Army?.  
 the Society applying to the  
 S. of S. for War & paying  
 expences?

But, I answer, the Society  
 knows about these things  
 much better than I do -  
 And, of course, there is  
 the question of speaking  
 German fluently - & French.

I am glad that you have  
 found out Dr. Evans, if  
 he is not trustworthy. You  
 will be very angry with me

if I say that is always the  
 danger with Americans-  
 (yes, even with my dear  
 Mr. Hill of Athens).

It was the Queen of Prussia  
 who recommended Dr. Evans  
 to me - But I did not like  
 to say this to you before, lest  
 my letter should be seen.  
 Otherwise I knew nothing-  
 of him but his reputation  
 - very high among a certain  
 class- & his book which  
 he sent me by Q. of P.'s desire  
 For my part, I am devoutly  
 thankful that we are out  
 of the Anglo-American alliance

Send me more "*Lists of  
 Articles required*", please.

ever yours

Burn

F.N.

[end 15:692]

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1870

1 Sept to 25 Dec

1 Sept Max Muller

1 Sept Bismark 'such a scoundrel'

22 Sept All their amputation cases had died

21 Oct Hospital health  
1 Nov Prussian failure with her wounded  
8 Nov English contributions to Prussia  
9 Nov Bismark the Villain  
10 Nov The 'impossible'  
11 Nov Praise 4 Emily  
5 6 Dec Parthe in trouble over an article  
19 Nov Letter to Dr Hahn  
24 Dec French & German compared

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Sept 1/70

[15:692-93]

My dearest Emily

I will not trouble you to-day but  
with

1. Mrs. Mayne - volunteers as Nurse -  
& my answer  
please post, if approved -
2. E. Dalton

wants a parcel acknowledged -  
If you have happened to light on a "small  
"parcel" } forwarded from  
"of old linen"} 42 Regents Park Road,  
(Mrs. Lyell's)

could you put a line of  
acknowledgment into my answer-  
But I would not waste one  
second in looking for it- I have  
written her a "very handsome"  
answer. for which I shall be  
"very handsomely" abused -  
Please post, if approved-

[Mrs. Lyell forwards to me  
numbers of letters, saying that she  
"cannot think why they come" to  
her addressed to me -

I know very well why -  
I answer every fool, who seems  
to have an honest desire to help or  
to be informed -

The other ladies don't answer at all  
[My name was on Mme. Schwabe's Commee.,  
without an address. And people write  
to me thro' any lady whose address  
was given (on Mme. Schwabe's Commee.)]

=

I think, as you are now "entirely" in  
the Stores" (which must be hard  
work enough, I hope you  
take care to *have luncheon*  
Plato says: that's a duty -  
And so does St. Paul -  
don't laugh- but 'search  
the Scriptures)

I had better not send any letters thro'

you, such as ladies' volunteering as Nurses  
- or send only a stray letter or two about  
Stores-

What do you say? -

= I will answer your welcome letter  
about Col. L.L. at great length  
to-morrow - But, dearie, I admire  
him very much- And, if I did not,  
his love for Sir Harry would have  
won my heart - at once - But, à demain  
ever your affecte. old F.

**[end 15:693]**

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My dear Sir Harry

I cannot help thanking you for your most interesting information, tho' I have nothing important to say.

[15:694-95]

If all is true that we hear about the fighting at Carignan, Mouzon & Beaumont for 3 days, I fear there is more danger of the French being crushed than of the Crown Prince. But the future of Germany depends so much on the life of the latter, a man of moderation, that most heartily do I join in good wishes for *him*.

I read Max Müller in the "Times" "Save me from my friends" must be Bismark's ejaculation, if he knew- Max M. had better have let it alone. How can Delane be such an idiot as to insert such letters?

I thought I knew contemporaneous German history pretty well. But I certainly hardly knew that even Bismark was such a scoundrel.

This German nationality then, freely translated, means really the ascendancy of a Prussian military {oligarchy

{despotism

stamping out the higher civilization of the Minor States. Max M. has not at all damaged your position & he has certainly not improved Bismark's position.

I would administer a rebuke to these German transcendentials which would cleave to them.

Is this the final result of all their philosophizing- that the end justifies the means? that men may be dishonest to the last degree if only their prospective object be good in their own eyes?

And - - - the result!?

France temporarily struck down.

the "flower of the German {nobility" cut off  
race

sorrow, suffering & want carried  
 into thousands of families -  
 Is this the boasted result of Prussian  
 supremacy?

Never was there a better case to answer  
 Alas poor Max Müller!

I suppose no newspaper has a historical  
 conscience - Otherwise, a year hence, how  
 ashamed the "Times" will be of its  
 present Leading Articles - of such  
 letters as Max Müller's -

I remember Mr. Charles Villiers saying:  
 Delane's a very clever fellow. But, in  
 editing his paper on a Monday, he  
 takes very little account of what he  
 will say on the Tuesday - & none at all  
 of what he will say on the Wednesday.

This has certainly been the case as  
 to France & Napoleon vide past years. And, IF the Times  
 HAD a historical conscience, will probably  
 be the case (in regard to vide next year) as to Bismark &  
 Prussia.

Did you ever hear of Francis Moore's  
 Astrological Almanac?

For my part, I should like to see him  
 at the Foreign Office - He shews a  
 vast deal more cunning & foresight  
 than Lord Granville & more than  
 Delane--

**[end 15:695**

Excuse great haste  
 Sept 1/70 ever yours F.N.

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*Private* {on diagonal} Sept 2/70 **[15:695-97]**  
 7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I will do my best to say what I think  
 on one or two Observations which you have  
 been so good as to put in the form of Questions,  
 -always premising that you have better &  
 later experience than mine & information

1. *Six months* I take it as the latest  
 period after the close of a War that even  
 a Belligerent's War Hospitals are kept  
 open. A large proportion of sufferers  
 alas! remains- but these are the chronic

remains - the acute are all well or dead.  
A Belligerent could hardly expect us to  
go on helping him with his chronic cases.  
For us I think 6 months, *IF so long*, is  
the very outside that we could possibly  
be expected to keep on Surgeons &c -  
for this plain reason that what we could  
do then would save perhaps one life in  
comparison with 100 to be saved by what  
we could do now -

I think your engagement with your Surgeons states: "or" to the end of the War".

It would be worth while to find out what in equity this means - since it cannot mean that the moment peace is signed - oh would that day were come! - the Hospitals are to be emptied.

[I would also call attention to the fact, tho' I dare say that was not what you meant, that this is a very different War from an Expedition abroad. When blessed peace comes back, the Germans have nothing to do but to go home with their Sick & Wounded.

& the French are at home, poor things.

In the Crimea, e.g. the French had actually on the other hand to organize the larger proportion of their Hospitals, (& we same,) *after* peace was signed. The great outbreak of Typhus in the French camp was after "the end of the War." Of course they could not leave their sick there.]

2. I do not quite know who exercises the function of Treasurer with you - I mean who keeps a sort of rough account of the "reserve money" you ought to keep/here to meet as you do justly say,

your engagements with your Surgeons  
   "  " Agents  
   "  for Stores &c ordered.

But surely this cannot be a very difficult thing to do. Somebody must know, within a few hundred pounds at least, what these are. And there ought to be somebody not a secretary, whose business it is to know.

I don't wonder that you dread having a debt at the end, either to make a hopeless appeal to the Public for, or for the Committee to pay - which is very hard upon them who have borne the burden & heat of the day - & most undesirable on every account, financial & moral

All I say is that any expenditure *now* will certainly ~~save~~ tell hundreds of times for good, of that which it will tell after peace

3. You ask about Surgeons daily allowance. And here I speak with great humility- It has been the experience of my life that it is not a good thing to mix up what is required for proper expences & what for charity in the same allowance. Because it tells so differently on different characters. One man will stint himself of what is absolutely necessary for health & strength out of his £1 a day - because he is told that he may spend the surplus for his Patients - another man will spend all on *himself* & fancy that some kind of drink which costs Thalers is necessary for him when another can be had which costs Groschen and so on.

I have found it a rule thro' life- to keep, as much as possible, the two allowances for personal expences, for Patients' expences separate - not to induce the generous to save from the former- not to induce the self-indulgent to save from the latter.

But, as I say, I speak with the greatest diffidence. The present case is so exceptional.

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4. I think, as far as I am able to judge, the present plan remarkably good -

a base of operations at Luxembourg sending help upon Briey - & I suppose now there will be a dreadful excess of Sick & Wounded at Carignana & Mouzon

If Typhus is not among them already, it will be soon

I hear that you have already sent to Mézières - Hospital at Bingen  
Hospitals at Calais, Dunkirk, Boulogne.

I have not much faith in Dr. Thudichum, who you know, is a St. Thomas' man. But then I am of the Anti-Simon- Thudichum faction. Don't be alarmed. We can't have perfection. Thudichum's being a German is of course a great thing for us. All I mean is that Dr. Thudichum is just the man who, it is said, would be likely e.g. to make his own profit out of any arrangement like the foregoing- ~~(last page)~~

Both he & Mr. Simon are fond of "No. 1." And  
Dr. T. is said to be ~~grasping~~ self-interested- as Simon certainly is.

*Private*

5. The D. of Argyll has decided *not* to [10:119]  
"expend any part of the Indian revenues,"  
for enabling Indian Medical Officers to  
volunteer for the War

This of course need not prevent men  
from volunteering.

[This was given me from the India Office  
as information- And I transmit it to you  
as such. Of course I did nothing  
after Col. L. Lindsay decided not to  
address the D. of Argyll. Indeed the  
first suggestion did not come from me at all  
but from the I.O.] [end 10:119]

I scarcely know whither to send this,  
being so glad that you & Emily are gone  
to Claydon that I ought to leave  
you in peace -

I had meant to say something more  
about Max Müller's extraordinary  
letter in the "Times"

[end 15:697]

ever yours  
F.N.

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Sept 4/70 [15:697-99]  
7.a.m -

My dear Sir Harry

Thank God that there is at least a  
prospect of peace! I think never before in  
all my life did I feel so thankful to Him.  
-- never before was there such cause -

The horrors of this war have been so  
unmitigated - so past all calculation & foresight.

A thousand thanks for your note. It does  
my heart good to hear of all the good you are  
doing. You are doing your work splendidly -  
& so small a body, as you say- & (as you say)  
none of the most active ones with any "official  
experience"- tho' for the matter of that,  
my dear Sir, if you had been 16 years in "official  
offices" as I have, you would think,  
-the less the intelligence is obscured by "official  
experience" & official information the better.  
[At this very moment, I think I had rather

be Marshal MacMahon than Mr. Cardwell  
or our Controller in Chief.

However, I shall do no good by such  
observations.] Let me say again, how I admire

the great work you are doing - a noble work.

But I hope that both you & Emily will take *some care of yourselves*- The work could not have been done without you but you must not kill yourselves for it.

I suppose from Namur to Sedan will at present be the centres of the new ~~work~~ campaign for Sick & Wounded. Perhaps you will send your Capt. Brackenbury there with his Credit. One feels sure that ~~th~~ at no moment will expenditure be so useful, so needed, as at this. But all your arrangements seem capital. For four Committee=men, 2 indeed, (since Capt. Galton was so much absent) yourself & Col. L.L., to have done such enormous work - & when one thinks of what a desperate state it all seemed in -- only 4 weeks ago - only 3- is a really imperial achievement.

2.

I am rejoiced that you have said boldly in the "Times" what we should think of Bismark -- at such a time as this it ought to be said - & is *not* said - by all honest men. When I read Max Müller over again, it seemed to me -- quite natural that ~~he~~ a German should wish

to ~~think~~ believe that - just as it is quite natural for a Frenchman to wish to believe that Peliko has heard from Marshal Bazaine & that he is pretty well - &, I *must* add, *if you beat me for it*, just as it is natural for an Englishman to wish to believe that Mr. Cardwell & Id. Northbrook are eminent & safe War Administrators, & that our Army is pretty well & its subsidiary services are pretty well.

But what one can't forgive Max Müller for is: his comparison of Bismark with Cavour & of German love of free Institutions with English. What did Cavour not do for Constitutional proceedings in Italy, interrupted only by death - what has Bismark not done to make real Constitutional government impossible in Germany interrupted by nothing. - Can any one believe that, if there had been any constitutional government at all in Germany, this war ever could have been - can any one believe that, if the people had had anything like a free Parliamentary

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representation, North Germany could have  
gone to war.

It is of course the same on the other side, France - I am only saying that Max Müller's statement is absolutely as fictitious as the Paris accounts of poor Bazaine's victories-

Germany is far before us in philosophy, in depth, of thought - and, I think, in social freedom - But really for Max to delude himself with classing together the Germans & the English for love of political freedom of free political institutions *is*: abusing the permission to be a "blind ass," as poor Theodore of Abyssinia said.

I would have hit him harder - but then you are a man of peace [I will say no more for fear you should say that I am a man of war.] We are very much obliged to you for having told the truth about Bismark - who is as entirely an unscrupulous conqueror as the first Napoleon.

And of those horrible Prussian despatches - thanking God that the North & South Germans have now "sealed their brotherhood *in blood*"!!! What has either of the Napoleons ever said so bad as that? - **[end 15:699]**

[2] 5.p.m. **[15:699-700]**

Since I wrote this, I am quite relieved to see Mr. Mundella speaking out at Sheffield to the same tune - viz. that, had the Germans ever had a constitutional government or Parliamentary representation, this war never could have been.

3. Did you see Mme. de Gasparin's appeal in the Times to the women of France & Germany? Tho' the woman is distasteful, her appeal was striking.

It is very curious that I had a letter the same day from a man at Florence asking me to do the same thing.

I hope your fears for our Protestant friends at Paris are more than the truth. But with M. Mohl at your elbow, you should know.

I never can quite recover my sympathy with M. Guizot, the Mallets, & all the orthodox Protestants. What is their persecution

of Martin Paschoud, one of the best men in all  
Europe, & the unorthodox Protestants but exactly  
the same thing as *they* suffer from the R. Catholics

& on exactly the same principle?  
But I don't want them to be burnt.

4. About Simon & Thudichum, I thought it was a little want of knowledge of the world, of the great international middle class professional world. (in which I have lived for 20 years). in Col. L.L. to extol Simon in his Times letter [Simon who has discredited himself in England, France & Germany as a Government jobber & jobbee, & ~~tho'~~ not more than he deserves - And Thudichum who has no professional reputation whatever except for inventing an operation on the nose, which he has puffed himself for money like any quack.]

But afterwards, knowing that Simon writes the Sanitary & Medical Articles in the Times - I have no doubt he wrote that Article on himself - I thought it a very artful dodge - because certainly our means for good have been amazingly increased by the Times. So I sing a new song unto Col L. Lindsay - It was very well done -

5. It does one good to see our Infirmiers going out (with our Ambulance to Mézières) so business- like with their cooking things & tentes d'abri - safe for shifting for themselves & their Patients - And it does one *bad* to hear about our poor Lady Nurses - as of the object of their going out was *not* how many Patients they could nurse, feed, clean -but how many wet fields they could sleep in themselves -

Do not trouble your hard worked head to answer any hints, stupid or otherwise, I may throw out, trusting to your better judgment - I cannot thank you enough for any information you will kindly give me about your doings at the Aid Society - I LIVE FOR IT. But don't fancy I want you to take notice of my suggestions. You know better than I do whether to fling them aside or not -

God grant that peace is near! There will be enough to do even then- ever yours in national

Wellcome Ms 9003

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gratitude F.N. [**end 15:700**]

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My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a £2.2. ~~Order~~ Cheque  
(which I *have* endorsed,) tho' unnecessarily)  
from my wine- man,

*Mr. T.W. Stapleton.*

Tho' I extenuate myself in  
telling people where to send  
their money or materials, in  
order to save you trouble,  
some insist on sending it to me.

Please send Receipt.

[15:700]

I am glad the Crown Princess'  
Secretary telegraphed to you  
for things instead of to me.  
I felt how awkward it would  
be for me who have not enforced

his claims to enforce a  
Princess's.

Alas! poor France? what  
*will* become of her?  
what kind of Government  
*will* she be able to have?  
I think she has not deserved  
this terrible fate. People  
are too hard upon her -  
As for that fanatic old  
Prussian king, his telegrams  
are really blasphemous,  
repulsive - while he is  
swimming in blood- [I am  
sure the Crown Prince loathes  
all that.]

It is a great relief to me  
that Parthe is with you  
also, for a different reason,  
M. Mohl.

I think you are doing  
your work splendidly. I only  
hope you & Emily are taking care of  
yourselves -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 9003

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ever yours  
F.N.

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Sept 8/70

My dearest Emily

[15:704]

I enclose

1. a letter from "Alice Lawrence"  
about *washing* Calico Bandages;  
= & my answer -

Please, if your Medical  
Committee considers any  
particular method of  
washing necessary to specify  
as e.g. that the calico must  
be boiled with soda, *not*  
soap, & then washed out  
perfectly clean with boiling  
water pure

be so good as to add it to  
my ~~note~~ answer *And tell me*  
I am sorry to trouble you.

[Sir Harry asks whether he &

you are "authorized" to open  
any letters addressed to me  
at the "Aid Society"-

Yes: certainly - if you please.

And I hope it saves you  
trouble in the end.]

2. my answer to the gentleman  
whose poetical effusion you  
sent me. What answer can  
one send to a poetical  
effusion but to send him  
our papers? So I will  
not trouble you to read  
but only to post-

- 3::If you have any more  
copies of your "*Medical*

List of Articles required,"  
any number of the same,  
however small, would be  
thankfully received by,

dearest Emily,  
ever your affecte. old Aunt  
Florence Nightingale

The unutterable woe & horror  
of this misery which

overshadows Europe  
[I think the Guillotine] of the  
French Revolution was  
merciful, compared to this]  
is now almost too terrible.  
But I think you will look  
back in future years  
to the amazing amount of  
generosity & self-denial  
you have called forth.

Here all the mill girls &  
 school children & teachers  
 are working all their spare  
 hours for you. collections  
 at all the little hill  
 chapels - From London I  
 have many letters every day-  
 people who give not of their  
 abundance but of their  
 necessaries- schools working-  
 "ladies", the wives of W.O. Clerks,  
 who keep no servant, giving-  
 collections made after every  
 Service in poor Dissenting  
 chapels for you - every  
 body's gold, silver & coppers  
 saved up & sent to you -

God bless them all & give  
 peace. Pray that it may be  
 soon! And they all do pray-

Take care of yourself & your luncheon. **[end]**

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 if greasy, soda will drive it  
 out.

Boiling water again  
 carbolic acid 1 in 40 water is enough

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**[15:704-05]**

My dearest Emily

I send you

1. a letter from a "lady"  
*volunteering as Nurse*  
 whose name I can't for the  
 life of me make out:

Mrs. Hume?

(& who would not, I think,  
 "write German"- tho' I like  
 her letter, which is without  
 blarney) Please register, if you can read-  
 & my answer -

Please post, if approved

I rejoice to think of you &  
 Sir Harry having a rest & little

Wellcome Ms 9003

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change on Sunday - after your  
grabbing together £100 719!!!  
Well done!! FN

**[end 15:705]**

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Sept 11/70

My dear Sir Harry

I send you, please,  
a Cheque to your order for £15  
being from  
Mrs. Edgar Lautour £5. 0. 0  
Revd. D.C. Timins £10. 0. 0.

[15:705]

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£15. 0. 0.

Could you kindly put a  
Secretary's Receipt for ~~former~~ Mrs. Lautour's £5  
into the letter (enclosed) to  
Miss Annie Swinton  
& for latter £10 into letter  
enclosed to Revd. D.C. Timins,  
*unless*, in the latter case,  
you have done so already,  
since Revd. D.C. Timins,  
directed envelope & all, came  
from you to me in 2 letters.

I am sorry to give you so  
much trouble.

I am thankful that Douglas  
Galton is gone out (with  
H.B.C.) to organize & report-  
He wrote to me -  
It seems as if the most  
pressing thing now was to  
pour in help round Sedan  
& round Metz. There,  
in those two places, is the  
great crowded misery - not  
so much in Rhine Hospitals,  
tho' those are bad enough.  
[Crown Princess telegraphed  
to me to know if she should

take an old pupil of mine,  
Miss Florence Lees, whom  
lately I have had studying  
in Val de Grace Military  
Hospital, Paris.

I telegraphed, recommending  
her to do so.

I should have told this  
to H.B.C. before he started  
He tells me he leaves  
his address with you.]

Are you *sure* that  
Reginald Herbert was  
on board "Captain"?

His mother is dangerously  
ill at Wilton- sent  
out of Paris.

Could you tell me?

1000 thanks for your  
letters-  
Not a moment -  
Will write tomorrow.  
ever yours gratefully  
FN

[end]

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Sept 12

My dear Sir Harry

Of course I know by this  
time that Reggie Herbert  
(*my boy*, as they used  
always to call him) was  
on board the "Captain."

I do not know how, or  
whether, they will tell his  
mother - who, after a severe  
illness at Paris, is lying  
very ill at Wilton.

Reggie was a noble  
gallant lad - worthy of his  
father - he & Sidney, the  
flower of the flock -  
very silent - full of his  
"duty". Two or 3 years ago,

when he was only 13, he  
saved a man from  
drowning - never mentioned  
it-- it was only "his duty"-  
[he had a horror of  
publicity - They heard of  
it afterwards from the men  
- & when they asked him,  
he said this.]  
a dark brown thin boy,  
like an Italian picture-

Last year he escaped Yellow  
Fever- was nursed by his  
poor mother at Lisbon  
this spring out of a dangerous  
illness -

And all to end thus? as far  
as serving his county is concerned.

The whole world seems so  
 hanging between life & death,  
 in such a cloud & tempest  
 of agony that words are  
 no use. If this siege  
 of Paris - what horror has  
 ever been seen like this in  
 all the history of mankind?- takes place-  
 what words will express  
 the woe?-  
 how insufferably mean &  
 childish the newspapers,  
 French, Prussian, English,  
 appear!-  
 what but Christ weeping  
 over Jerusalem?-  
 how can we speak but weep?  
 -if thou hadst known, at  
 least in this thy day, the

things that belong to thy peace  
 --but now they are hid from  
 thy eyes - Behold thy house  
 is left unto thee desolate -  
 And thousands & tens of  
 thousands of mothers are  
 left desolate  
 =

May Herbert, the eldest,  
 is not, I believe, returned  
 from the Engadine poor child.

ever yours  
 F.N.

Would you kindly *post*  
 the enclosed?  
 only *post* it.

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Sept.14.70.

Mrs. Henry Bolton.

Dearest Emily

I feel quite a scruple  
 in sending you this truly  
 Irish letter & this pin !!!

What on earth are we  
 to do with the pin?

Where on earth has her  
parcel gone to? - to you?  
Or is it coming here?

If you can, short of telling  
a downright fib, put an  
Acknowledgement into my  
letter to her (enclosed) &  
also of her pin, which  
I do enclose - please do.

What are you to do with  
her pin? If you can  
think of nothing, shall I  
give you the money for it?  
And what ought I to give  
you? & then you give the pin  
away.

ever your affecte. old  
F.N.

Are you taking care?

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Sept 14/70

My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your  
two notes, of 12th. & 13th., both of  
which reached me this  
morning. [the first marked "Too Late:"]

I was very glad to see Mr.  
de Normann's note, which  
I return. [I only mention  
that it was "Too Late", because  
you may have been surprised  
not to see it back before, &  
because I am afraid the  
"Aid Socy." Messenger is often  
unfaithful.]

Is it possible that our

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Govt. can do *nothing* to  
*mediate peace*? It is too  
horrible.

[end]

Lady Herbert too ill to be told  
of her loss- I don't think there  
was a lad of greater promise  
in all England than Reginald  
Herbert-

[8:702]

[end 8:702]

Wrote to the Cr. Princess yesterday  
at some length by her own  
desire-

ever yours  
F.N.

Do you think that Miss

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Pearson & her party have  
done real good work?  
How I hope that it is  
so-

Amount of subscriptions  
admirable. Thank you -  
FN

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Miss Shedden                      Sept 15/70                      **[15:706]**

*wants patterns*

Dearest Emily

I feel quite sorry to trouble you about this - tho' it is a far more business like note than any I ever receive from ladies.

I have copied out what she wants viz. patterns - for you (& enclose it)

I think she is right- from the numerous notes I receive - & that you ought to issue patterns. I am sure that what it would have saved me in the Crimean War from, viz. receiving all sorts of shirts & coats, differing in every respect excepting in one, that of being utterly useless, is untold.                      Please add

inside my note to Miss Shedden

if you wish the hour & place altered where & when she is to call for the patterns

I am very glad that you are going into the country with Sir Harry for the Sunday.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Could you return me

Miss Sheddens' letter?

[pencil] *Miss Verney*

[ink]

Patterns wanted

of the best model    *shirt*

*vest*

*flannel coat*

*flannel pair of drawers*

& of any other most requisite article (except bandages & cholera belts).

Miss A.I. Ralston Shedden

Hony. Secy. (Ladies' Hope Needlework Committee for the Sick & Wounded)

Wellcome Ms 9003

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will call for these patterns  
at 9.30 on *Monday morning*  
at 32 South St (if Miss  
Verney will leave them out  
for her) & return them  
before 2 o'clock.

**[end]**

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L.H.

Sept 19/70

[15:707]

My dear Sir Harry

I do not feel justified in withholding these letters of Mrs. Cox (from Calais.)

If Capt. Galton were in England, I should send them to him, as I did before some of hers.

I believe that Colonel Cox would prove a good agent of your Committee, if he were wanted.

He is the Colonel Cox of the Crimea whom I mentioned before -

Madame Canrobert mentions that the "Intendance" have given charge of all the Wounded now to their "Red Cross" Society ! Probably it was the best thing to do

I would only repeat a caution against using old buildings for Wounded, in reference to Mrs. Cox's letter.

You see Col: Cox "places himself at the disposal of ~~the~~ your Committee:

[They only ask that their letters may not

find their way into the newspaper.]

No doubt you have heard direct from Capt. Galton & H.B. Carter. They say that, at Cologne, & some Rhine towns the private Hospitals in tents (chiefly English tents), wooden Huts, & improvised in Music Halls &c were much better managed & far superior to & than the Military Hospitals.

But- I wait to hear more details.

Lady Herbert, who was dangerously ill at Wilton, was told on Saturday of her loss- bore it very well. Reginald was just going off his watch at 12 - a few minutes before the catastrophe - One of the survivors met him on the ladder coming off his watch- A few minutes- & he might have been on deck-

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& he might have been saved. We hoped to the last, till Mr. May, the Gunner, told this- to the boy's uncle, Mr. A'Court. There was not a more promising boy in

Wellcome Ms 9003

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all England - I believe.

**[end 8:702]**

Do not trouble to answer me direct  
about Col: Cox. But return me  
the letters some time please-

**[end 15:707]**

in great haste

ever yours

F.N.

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L.H.

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7.a.m.

Dearest Emily

Don't suppose me such a "beast" as to *wish* even to take up your time & strength with writing to me - I am the more obliged when you do write. for anything that you can tell me is more interesting to me now than every thing else. you may be sure -

I know that you have got your 'business' into capital order. And I glory in your work.

How I have longed that I could take my share in this War as in the Crimean War!

But what use is it offering to serve God in one way when He asks one to serve Him in another?

It was a great relief to me hearing too that Sir Harry was well. And I hope you are taking care to do the same.

As for the rest of your note, what can one say but that it is the great trial of life to see inefficiency, amounting to the unprincipled, among good people- to see the "*no=taking=pains=ness*" about the most important things, when people will extenuate

themselves in taking pains  
about a trifle -  
Ah my dear child, it is not  
the "contradiction of sinners  
against" good things, but the  
contradiction of *good people*  
against good things which  
makes life weary!- [There  
is a sort of childishness  
among English women in  
easy circumstances"] It has  
often been said that Genius  
is nothing but an enormous  
power of taking pains -  
And I assure you *that* is true  
And I assure you that nothing  
is so wearing as to hear people,  
good people say: 'Ah *you*,  
you can do it'- when you  
know that, if they would but  
take pains, they might do it too.

But they won't even try to  
*walk*- & then they say they  
can't *run*.

The only thing for us to do is  
to remember that none can  
ever have had this trial  
like our Lord & St. Paul  
our Lord who found His  
best beloved disciple  
disputing for a throne-  
even just before His own death  
-- St. Paul who said 'All they  
in Asia have turned away from  
me'- & this too just before  
his own end, when he must  
have thought all his plans  
were blasted & all his work  
destroyed.

Do you know that I have never  
known any real founder

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or leader of any good thing  
 who had not the same idea  
 about his or her work? -  
 But perhaps I ought not to  
 tell this to a young thing like  
 you.

However the only way is, to look  
 upon this path as the path  
 Christ Himself has trod-  
 who says He is the Way -  
 Can we be Christians & not  
 wish to tread His way? -  
 (tho' I sadly confess, very often,  
 that, even in my old age, I  
 have learnt to tread it so  
 badly that I am quite ashamed  
 of myself)- never to stop to  
 consider what comes from man  
 but only to look, always to  
 look at it as coming straight

from God (which is just  
 what I don't do & so I  
 have no business to preach.)  
 But I am not sure that it  
 does, for the service of God,  
 to be so overflowing with  
 kindness as that you cannot  
 really distinguish between  
 one person & another.  
 That, (which however is a  
 very rare failing,) incapacitates  
 one almost as much for  
 organizing, & working with  
 judgment, & seeing what  
 answers & what does not,  
 & putting the right person  
 in the right place as=  
 the defect of too much censoriousness

In practical work, "Charity"  
 does not "believe all things"-  
 Nor would St. Paul recommend  
 it-  
 The thing is: to think what is  
 best for the service of God -  
 & always to keep one's eye on

that - in short, to go back  
to the old plan, of always  
keeping one's thought on Christ,  
to see what *He* would have  
done in such a case -  
Christ was so witty - we cannot  
at all suppose that *goodness*  
is what is expected of us.

I must leave off- & only ask if you will send me some of your *last* (Ladies' Committee) Circulars with "*Cholera Belts*" in the List. I have had but one of these Circulars - (& *that* I can't afford to send you as a pattern). Or if you have any Circular *later* still - - - -

I still think it would be a good thing if it were advertised in the "Times" every day (a very short paragraph would o it)- What is the latest information for the things *most wanted*- So many people ask me this question. And they complain that they make acres of Charpie & are told *after* it is done, that "No more Charpie is required".

God bless you - ever your affecte. old  
aunt Florence Nightingale

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[15:707]

My dear Sir Harry

I am sure that you will not think it unnatural that I should write to you after that terrible account of the state of the Sick & Wounded at Pont à Mousson -

This & many other recent letters from the great War places shew a deplorable amount of want of ingenuity, want of management, in providing for Wounded. I don't mean on our part, but on that of all the actors & managers, "Red Cross" & Government.

At Pont à Mousson, e.g., many weeks after hostilities have begun, there are thousands of wounded men (who are also sick- no wonder!) lying on straw on the level of the ground - one of the things which I have seen lower the constitution in war. broken men so as to make recovery ~~impossible~~ little to be hoped for. & rendering cleanliness & dressing all but impossible & this too inside closed buildings.

You say that the excellent Barton Smith was to take "250 iron bed.steads" back to Pont à Mousson. But "what are these among so many?"

Is it not possible that some one should be sent with the requisite ingenuity (perhaps from the Crown Princess at Homburg or some "Red Cross" Society) to put all the Sick & Wounded on beds & under shelter by materials to be obtained on the spot. There are 5 or 6 ways of doing it - *which* way depends of course on materials available on the spot.

Everything required might probably be obtained there or within a short distance, if there were any one with the requisite head. And *some* materials & tools might be sent at once direct from England, under charge of one of your gentlemen.

But people with the fatal Hospital idea consider stone walls and a slated roof as indispensable

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One way of doing better would be: to take the outside walls of buildings put up posts all along- throw over them from the wall a pent house of canvas properly sloped.

It could even be done without posts by pegging the canvas.

A good bed with a canvas bottom might be made in an hour by the most simple workman.

Hammers, saws, axes, rope, canvas, nails, would house sick comfortably & healthily by thousands

Then, again, hay & straw for bedding - & wood cut down for bed.steads, fuel & c - - a sheet & one blanket - (you know that a sheet of thick brown paper is an exceedingly warm material & might be put over the blanket) would give comfort to many a perishing man -

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I have letters from Surgeons on the spot who say "we are losing all our Amputation cases." [We thought the proportion of Deaths to Amputations terrible enough at Scutari - but this it appears, is more terrible still.] The Surgeons attribute it partly to the want & exposure endured by the men in the time, 2-5 days, before they were removed from the field - (I will go back to that). partly to the state of things in Hospitals described. E.g. at Douzy what a deplorable helplessness & unhandiness of head & ~~hand~~ everything but heart was shewn by our people, even when they were not in want of stores or Surgical skill.

We shall learn a great deal from dreadful experience in this War. And I am going to trouble you with some hints as to enquiries we should make; especially as to Ambulance people being held responsible for bringing in all Wounded within a certain time.

But the thing is now - to see whether some

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thing could not be done *at once* to get the Sick & Wounded housed & bedded properly, at the crowded places. You are doing wonders.

But "9000 Sick", in the state described at Pont à Mousson, & elsewhere a month after the 3 great battles of Metz, & a fortnight after those of Sedan & 2 months after War broke out is a disgrace to the "Red Cross" head, (not heart.)- is it not?

"Dysentery & Typhus" may well be there - And there will be more

2. While we must agree that the French "Red Cross" has worked miracles, (so that the "Intendance " have given to them in charge all the Wounded,) poor Madame Canrobert fancies that there is "a day & night" "attendance" "organized" "at all the Stations," & an organization so that all the wounded arriving by train can be received & tended at once -

we know what it is even at Calais, a

place so entirely out of the great turmoil-  
- & far worse at other more crowded  
places, yet still distant from the Seats  
of War - & of the great battles x x  
What will it be if the most strenuous efforts  
at organization, & utilizing materials with  
ingenuity on the spot, are not made?

x x..

This does not appear to be the case on the  
German side. All the Hospitals up the  
Rhine & 'off' the Rhine appear to be  
very well organized & all the giving of  
help at Stations altho' they are overladen  
with French wounded.

I must put off till tomorrow what  
else I had to say- too long already, you  
will think

Pray believe me  
ever yours affectely.  
Florence Nightingale

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Sept. 22. 70. [not in FN hand]

Dearest Emily

I think Lady Gomm has to be  
very greatly applauded for getting 10/6  
for that pin!

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[I think I will ask her to sell  
all my jewellery-]

Yes - surely - I would "grab" at  
the offer-

But I think I would advertise  
"in the Times list" "as from the lady",  
the pin & not the 10/6. She will swear  
it was worth £10.10-

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I wish you could get an answer for  
me, from Mr. Longmore, about a case of  
Hospital Nurses dressing=implements, from

a Dr. Kendrick of Warrington - which

I sent Mr. Longmore - 3 days ago-  
Don't trouble about this, unless you see  
him [I am afraid he is not Lady Gomm.]

Shore Smith's wife & boy were in that

Tamworth Railway accident-

escaped unhurt - Thank God!

[end]

ever yours

F.N.

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[15:711-16]

My dear Sir Harry

I continue to you a letter which I am afraid was already too long. But you will be as eagerly seeking as I am what experience we can glean from this dreadful War for future Ambulances.

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Many military Surgeons, many even "Red Cross" agents have conveyed their opinion (in this War) that, as far as the battle-fields go, not much can be done in alleviating the sufferings or removing the sufferers faster after the battle -

If this be so, we, the Red Cross, had almost as well not be. And the Geneva Convention is but of little use. At least the main argument for it falls to the ground.

But recent experience shews that these sufferings *can* be alleviated, because they have been alleviated on all the recent battle-fields.

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But it also shews how much the work

requires to be improved, before the intentions of the Convention and of the "Red Cross" are fully carried out-

One case appeared in Dr. McCormac's letter:

a man had had no food for 2 days before or for 5 days after the battle & no succour. He is then brought in, operated on & mercifully dies.

This is only one case out of hundreds. Surgeons have written, (as I stated in my letter,) that "all their Amputation cases had died"- attributing this to long exposure on the ground after being wounded. & want & to destruction of constitution in consequence-

This is in fact *the* Red Cross question. Can what could be done after five days have been done after five hours?-

The Mortality, frightful among Amputation cases, is to be attributed also to the crowding without beds or cleanliness in closed buildings.

This is the second Red Cross question. All Europe, ourselves included, have taken *the Hospital idea* as the fundamental one for the Red Cross.

This appears to be the error.

Hospitals properly conducted are of course most essential - But we must not forget 1. the *immediate* want of help after the battle-~~field~~ to the Wounded 2. that nearly every kind of wound can be better dealt with, separately, in the open air, than by removal to the finest Hospitals.

[Even cases in farm houses do better - But large crowded old buildings & Churches are destructive.]

In every case, however, immediate *Supply* becomes of the highest importance. xx.

= The amount of good work done by our "Aid Society" is vast. especially at Sedan-

But, when we hear that a "similar organization" is ~~to~~ "being formed" "at Saarbruck," 6 weeks after the battles fought there about - one is very glad to hear it - & one feels that our "Aid Society" supply of *food*, however appears in many places to have been neither immediate nor even now hardly to exist- & the Kitchen arrangements to be almost *nil* even at the present time at such places - near Sedan, e.g.

(so late in the field), has done wonders.

But one wishes we had had an organization which would have covered the ground

*the day after* the battle instead of 6 weeks after.

[At the Tchernaya in 1855 the Russian wounded were being brought in to our side before almost the battle was over. 24 hours after the battle there was not a wounded man left, I believe. They spent their whole strength in searching for & carrying off the Wounded. - & next day buried the dead.

That was but a baby battle.

At Solferino the great extent of the battle-field prevented this.

now we have always & justly said, when consulted by the "Aid Societies" & Govts. - do nothing to diminish a belligerent Government's responsibility for its own Wounded, its own Army Medical & Ambulance Departmts.

[I only mention this, very humbly,

Wellcome Ms 9003

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that you may not think me overlooking, now,  
obvious responsibilities] -

But the enormous masses of combatants,



To return to the "Red Cross Societies".  
 It is not easy to overrate their difficulties.  
 But the results have been far from  
 satisfactory. The people engaging in  
 the work require a great amount of  
 knowledge. *which they have not* - & also  
 practical talent & practical experience.  
 What has happened has been - briefly--  
     that all the Army methods of dealing  
     with the Wounded have broken down  
     more or less  
     that a number of Amateurs have  
     attempted to supplement the defect  
     or to supply it altogether with  
     the practical result of alleviating much  
     misery but also of leaving much  
     misery unalleviated, which might  
     have been alleviated had the  
     Administrators been competent.  
 The Prussians have taken one really good  
 step in dispersing the Sick & Wounded  
 as fast as possible]

The central idea of the "Aid Society" has  
 been, I fancy, (too much): Hospitals.  
 Now Hospitals can never be managed by  
 amateurs. And yet amateurs, Medical  
 & non=medical, have had most of the  
 work to do. with what singular consequences the letters  
 published by yourselves shew more than  
 anything to a practiced eye whether  
 whether these are the consequences of ignorance, in recognizing or  
 of want of practical ability in supplying the most vital conditions of  
 recovery.  
 As before said, Madame Canrobert told us  
 that the French "Intendance" had given  
 over the Hospitals entirely to the Paris  
 "Red Cross"- no doubt the best thing to  
 do- But, had the Red Cross (~~illeg~~ Cross)  
 & its agents been thoroughly competent,  
 the result to the Sick & Wounded would  
 have been infinitely better. [The conditions shewn  
 by the Times published letters- and which they appear to think  
 inevitable- are  
 those which directly produce Dysentery, Typhus, & a high Death-rate  
 among Amputation=cases e.g in the Hospitals in old buildings, (not in  
 Ambulances) & in the  
 of immediate help.]

want

*It would be most desirable if we could  
have from Capt. Galton a Report  
on the methods in use in the two Armies  
for supplying the Hospitals - where the  
weak points were- & in what way we*

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*and in what way WE could avoid these?*

*Also: the weak points in the "Red " Societies' work.*

*What would be the best direction to give to the Red Cross Societies' work*

WHAT KIND of TEMPORARY HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION should be used by the "Red Cross Societies".

[I regret very much that Capt. Galton appears principally to have inspected the Rhine Hospital work- incomparably the best, but also the easiest - & not the Hospital work round Metz & round Sedan -

He would have been the very man to have given the whole subject a practical shaking.]

We must help to get a tradition established, beginning with the Crimean War.

Historically, the sum total of what we did then was to show that the sufferings of Armies which, in all preceding time, had been considered inevitable were not so- but preventable.

But it struck a new chord, which has been vibrating ever since with far higher tone.

[Ld. Shaftesbury says that the results will go farther towards abolishing War than all Peace Societies.

God grant that it may be so. We seem far enough off at present.]

*Most Private* {on diagonal}

The Crown Princess told me with a great deal of detail & facts which could not but convince me of the soundness of the judgment ~~that~~ she had arrived at - that, after the campaign of 1866 (Sadowa), all the Hospitals of the "Red Cross she had visited, including those of the Johanniter, & not excluding those ~~of~~ nursed by the Kaiserswerth Deaconesses, were so bad, not only at first but continuously & till the close, so inferior- in cleanliness, ventilation, management, in every vital Sanitary condition, to the Military Hospitals conducted by their Army Surgeons & Inspectors -- that she could scarcely give me any idea of the dreadful difference except by facts & details which she certainly did give.

This does not appear to be the case now, as far as the *Rhine* Hospitals go - On the contrary, the superiority appears rather to lie

on the side of the private or "Red Cross" or Johanniter Hospitals.

But certainly the details we have had from your (published & other) reports & letters of the "Red Cross" work round Sedan & round Metz appear to show - either that they have not the experience to know or that they have not the ingenuity to contrive the first conditions of recovery, (after Surgical skill has been supplied.) Small blame to them! (they were amateurs) On the contrary, great praise for their hard work under unparalleled pressure!

As for the food & Kitchen arrangements, (I do not speak of what is proper for Sick & Wounded, but) the *first necessaries* of life appear to be wanting, except in the completely organized Ambulances, even now.

[end 15:715]

ever yours affectely.

Florence Nightingale

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"Trench"

[Letter enclosed] Sept 23/70

[15:715-16]

My dear Sir Harry

PRAY have this most interesting letter put in the "Times".

It has struck my father & aunt more than any letter they have seen - as *more useful* to make people understand.

And I see that the details given of the soup=kitchen & rations & of the prisoners strike persons who have not tasted war, & convey to them a real picture, more than any letter that has appeared to stir them up to action.

I could hardly get it back from my Aunt to return to you.

She wanted to make a copy of it - & she said she would send it to every newspaper, till she got one to insert it. {arrow drawn to "insert"} I said I *must* return it to you - & that I was sure that, *if Col: Lindsay did not put it in the "Times"*, he would allow me to have it again, for us to make a copy of it here -

but that I could not  
let a copy be made  
without his leave.  
*Please reward honesty.*

This "Trench" must be  
a capital fellow - Who is  
he? - [I must say he  
impresses me more than  
almost any one, from  
whom I have seen letters.]

**[end 15:716]**

ever yours  
F.N.

{arrow begins here:}  
My Aunt said:

people don't know these things-  
-they don't understand these things-  
-these things are not put before them  
in this way-

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Sept 24/70

**[15:716-18]**

My dear Sir Harry

Pray excuse me for "pouring" my letters  
upon you "in little cups"- the bad result of  
inevitable haste.

I had said that dispersion is a  
cardinal matter with wounded - I was  
going to add - but the cases must be selected.

There cannot be a doubt, from recent  
(both public & private) accounts, that the  
movement of bad cases of wounds is at  
present adding so much to the Mortality  
that it ought, if possible, to be modified.  
The German Hospital notices all indicate  
the presence of wounds in these Hospitals  
which ought never to have been moved at  
all. The Prussian military authorities  
appear to exercise no discrimination in moving  
They move every body - We can hardly  
suppose this is done under Medical advice.  
The Prussian Principal Medical Officers

should consult with the Ambulance Surgeons of all nations of course - if the organization is perfect - before moving the wounded even from one Hospital to another, the men seem sometimes to be peremptorily moved in a dying state -

6. The moving of the Hospital "Infirmiers: & attendants seems, one can scarcely doubt from accounts, both public & private, to be practised in the same peremptory & absolute manner - without consultation with the Ambulance Surgeons (of all nations) who are left in the greatest straits & the Patients in the greatest danger -

I own, as an old hand, that I cannot see how Hospital Service is possible, if the "Infirmiers" are to be ordered off, either in charge of wounded by train, or as prisoners - without discrimination - by ~~illeg~~ Military authority - independent of Hospital authority.]

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That Red Cross Societies should never interfere politically is, of course, the first condition of their being. I do not know whether it is possible, either through the Crown Princess, or directly through the Geneva Convention, to endeavour to stop either of these two very serious causes of Hospital Mortality & inefficiency.

May I mention that

2. District Inspection is now everything.

Every place where there are Sick or Wounded should be periodically visited & supplied when necessary -

The only cure for amateur casuals is: to have trustworthy inspection on the spot & reporting to the Society.

3. Would it not be right for the Aid Society to publish (or at least to make) a List of all the places where there are Sick or Wounded - with the supplies sent & an approximate estimate or List of the numbers of cases treated

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It would be a check

The agents on the spot should supply the information

And these questions are otherwise important as leading indirectly to local action.

We now know, e.g., the exact state of matters in the N.E. of France - & you can send efficient aid at an hour's notice.

[Besides, the British public rather cries out for such information - And the British Lion which has contributed nearly £200,000, & very considerably valuable bales, has rather a right to ask for some publication of accounts & of stores & bales sent - & may roar for it louder.]

4. There are several points in which the British Lion rather thinks the existing arrangements of *all* the Aid Societies may be improved.

e.g. could not every Officer besides

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having the badge & the papers of the branch, have a paper signed or stamped by the Belligerent Ambassadors - & countersigned by the Military authorities on the spot as often as a change in position is made? And could it not be ~~made quite clear~~ that all persons, who have not the *necessary papers* as well as the badge, incur the risk of becoming prisoners of war?

This would stop those disgraceful proceedings which have made the badged people a bye-word to the Soldiers.

But this was suggested to me. [People are rather horrified at ~~these~~ proceedings of the people who have no right to wear the badge]

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A P.S. to what was said before that there should be a change in the *venue* as regards care of Wounded. that henceforth the whole, or at least a great part, of the work should rest on local capabilities, including materials on the spot. that Officers should be taught how to do the very best with the materials to be found on the spot, as a basis for providing (extemporizing) sick accommodation on or near the field. [R.E. authorities concur, I believe, that nearly everything requisite can be done on the spot. But how little the attention of any body is turned to this! how little, if at all, any Service is trained to do this!]

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Another P.S.

the leaving their prisoners without food.  
I suppose the Red Cross has properly nothing  
to do with this -  
But at all events people say we  
should cry out - publish the  
information we receive when it  
can be trusted.

[end 17:718]

[very faint:]

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

Sept 24/70

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Sept 25/70

[15:718]

Dearest Emily

I thank God that His heavenly young  
woman is come home safe &, I trust, in good  
spirits -

[Don't laugh - I am quite serious]

And thank you very much, dear, for sending  
me the first Telegram -

I am so glad you have her again -

*Red Cross*

About the publishing accounts &c &c, dearie, I am  
sure you are quite right.

Tho' I don't think it is any good, would you  
like me to write a letter to Sir Harry (confirming  
his own opinion) - I can base it on what I  
hear from all sides =

Also, about the publishing daily in the "Times" what is

*most wanted* - the shortest paragraph  
would do it - I send a specimen of  
what the German Association advertises -  
it is really most distressing that our  
people don't do it -

Person who have contributed & collected  
contributions of money & kind to the  
amount of many hundreds write to  
me *begging* that our Comm: will do this.

I wrote to Major de Winton a week ago.

Giving him the words of people on this  
score & received a reply from Miss

de Winton little, if anything, to the  
purpose -  
I am afraid the time will come when  
the Brit: Lion will roar-  
I have so many complaints [But I never  
'let on' that I agree.] in great press  
ever yours FN

**[end 15:718]**

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Sept 29/70 [not FN]

[15:719]

Dearest Emily

1. a letter from Mrs. Brine  
(Isle of Man) volunteering to  
go out for self & husband -  
in what capacity doesn't say-  
to attend to Sick & Wounded.
  2. my answer  
please post, if approved.
- =
3. from a Miss Carrol (Plymouth)  
volunteering to go out as  
Lady Nurse - [Irish, I guess.]
  4. my answer  
please post, if approved

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I should be thankful to  
hear how your darling may  
I not say, *our* darling? is-  
But don't write on purpose -  
ever your affecte. old  
29/9/70 F.

[end]

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*Miss Green*

Concert: Patronage Sept 30/70  
Red Cross Socy.  
Dearest Emily

[15:719-20]

I think you must ask Sir Harry  
about this. because there is little doubt  
that, if we "patronize" *this*, we shall have  
many more asking for our "patronage"-  
And, if we "patronize" one, we must *all* -  
& we have no time to make enquiries -

I have no doubt that this is a poor  
little hard-working music-mistress,  
whom one would be glad to help, even  
if she does it only for notoriety -

But perhaps the next who may  
ask may be "the Princess of Wales"-  
And perhaps "the Princes of Wales" may be  
a disreputable public-house- And how  
are we to know? -

However, I think this is a sort of  
thing for a *man* (like Sir Harry) to decide-

Wellcome Ms 9003

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If Sir Harry thinks well, I will leave it to you

either

to send me back the letter for *me* to answer  
 -or to answer it *yourself*, assenting &  
 ordering for me any small number of tickets,  
 if you will be so good as to arrange  
 for their payment- I repaying you -

If Sir Harry does *not* think well, I think  
 the letter had better not be answered  
 at all-

[For my own part, I have always made it a rule  
 to decline being "Patroness" of any thing.]

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Parthe exceedingly bonny - out in  
 the garden

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Please tell Sir Harry that young Pastor  
 Fliedner is a perfectly good Agent (far  
 better than most) to entrust money &  
 stores to - tho' without the great organizing  
 power of his father.

[end 15:720]

Ever, dearest, yours

F. Nightingale

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Oct 2/70

[15:721-22]

My dear Sir Harry

The enclosed from young Pastor  
 Fliedner, written on Thursday, *after*  
 he had seen you, posted on Friday,  
 - did not reach 35 S. St. till Friday  
 afternoon- nor me till Saturday.  
 I immediately telegraphed to you  
 & to him but, I fear, too late.

In case you should not be  
 able to read his long letter (enclosing  
 a much longer one, which I do  
 not send) the substance is this:

he was to start~~ed~~ for Strasburg - as you  
 know, on Saturday - [he is only able  
 to be absent this Sunday & next-  
 after which he must return to his  
 London congregation-] the fall of Strasburg

makes it an exceptional case of distress -  
- the sufferings of the Sick & Wounded  
in Strasburg must be frightful -  
he wants, besides what you have  
already given him to spend as  
your agent. £500, and a Credit  
of from £1000 to £2000 - rendering  
to you an account -  
to spend principally in Strasburg  
but also elsewhere -  
he was employed in this way in  
Bohemia in the war of 1866 -  
he knows the Johanniter - particularly  
the 3 Counts Stolberg -  
at Strasburg he goes, of course, to the  
poor Strasburg Deaconesses, (Pastor  
Harter's)  
I do not know whether you would

entertain his request at all- of  
course your Agents must be under  
some rules -  
But, if you did, I suppose it would  
be possible to telegraph to him  
at the *Strasburg Diakonissen Anstalt*  
- or, he may have left his address  
with you -  
If you ask me, what he is like?  
I answer, he has not his father's  
commanding ability of common sense.  
But he has a great deal more  
than two thirds of our Society's agents  
- [I do not name names, because  
'comparisons are odorous.']  
You will see his letter is a very

modest one- & he does not  
even wish me to name the sum  
of "£1000-£2000," if I think it  
immoderate.  
I can only mention it, & leave it to  
you.

Do me the justice that, while  
working very hard to collect you-  
money c, I have not forwarded  
to you applications, nor  
recommended to you agents,  
except in the most *unpersuasive*

Wellcome Ms 9003

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way.

I leave this entirely in your hands-  
ever yours affectel.

**[end 15:722]**

F. Nightingale

Please return }  
enclosed to F.N}

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Oct 5/70

Dearest Emily [15:722-23]

I send you

1. a letter from a Mrs Parkerson, volunteering her daughter, age 27, as Nurse - with a pamphlet by herself against War, the most abominably vulgar & conceited thing it has been often my luck to glance at (which I do *not* send you)

2. my answer  
please post, if approved

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As you ask me, I think it *would* be better to keep the letters of application. & not destroy them -

And perhaps the least trouble might be to return mine to me.

Also: would you ask Sir Harry to return me young Pastor Fliedner's letter? [I should be very sorry if it were destroyed.]

And, if it were possible to send me back that letter of Mason Trench's from Sedan to Col: Lindsay, which I returned out of honesty to Sir Harry, on condition that it should be sent back here for us to copy - if it were not inserted in "Times"- which it has not been -

It was much better than most of the letters which have appeared in "Times"

And the hints about Kitchens were valuable -

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I am very glad that Col: Lindsay is going himself to Versailles -

It is far the best way -

I hear the most deplorable accounts of Dysentery & Typhus in Prussian ranks [One *must* say: they deserve it - but especially round Metz {not clear where this fits in}]

What principle are they fighting for now?]- They will, we fear, be decimated by disease -

I am going to write you an answer  
to your letter - I should have done  
so before but that I fear I have  
not much information to give - dearie -

The success of the English Ambulance  
depended on Dr. Longmore being its head-  
With Dr. Guy, there can scarcely be one strong  
element of success in it. Keep well - ever your

F.

**[end 15:723]**

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PRIVATE {on diagonal}

Oct 6/70

[15:723-24]

Dearest Emily

Do with the "flannel" as seemeth unto you good. No letter from the "Donor" has reached me. Perhaps you will acknowledge it in the "Times."

I have thought a great deal about your "questions", dearie, as you may suppose - But much light does not visit me-

'I give thee all, I can no more

Tho' poor the offering be, '

1. As to these river steamers, I can't think what they are for. They would cost an enormous sum without any adequate benefit. If river transport is required, it can be had on any European river at the cost of carriage, I am told.
2. As to the English Ambulance, I have already stated to others the objections that exist to

it. If Dr. Longmore had been at its head, some of these would have been removed. Dr. Guy xx. being at its head, they appear to me in greater force than before. I do not think any people in their *experienced* senses would send out English Orderlies - tho' we have some Orderlies who are good dressers. But the want of language will be exasperating.

The Anglo-American Ambulance & Dr. Frank have done good- but from the very presence of the conditions which in *this* other case will be absent -

[It is understood that a Belgian Ambulance extremely well managed, has been broken up 1. because the German Soldier=Patients objected to be in it on account of the language. 2. because the German authorities interfered with it unwarrantably ]

I have not *urgently urged* these

xx. whom I knew very well once- a good man

considerations - because there are others e.g. that the Belligerent authorities will not employ our best Surgeons except as dressers, if in their own Hospitals.

But as a *general* rule it seems to me that the Red Cross neutral ought to give its help to the Red Cross belligerent or Government belligerent) *not* in the form of separate Establishments except of supply, but in giving ~~its~~ auxiliary help especially *in supply* material & personal [personnel?] to *their*, the Belligerents', establishments.

Suppose an Anglo-Prussian War, which God forbid: - of one thing I can speak positively - if the French were to send a complete French Ambulance into our country to take in our Wounded, our Wounded would positively object to it. & not unreasonably.

But only imagine if in like case the French were to send "untrained poor women" to nurse our English Wounded in England!!

6. Have you read Doctresses Blackwell & Garrett's letters about Women=Nurses

Because American servant girls were of use on American battle fields - because French peasant women were of use to French wounded - which most undoubtedly they were - therefore these ladies want us to send "100 untrained poor women - and "50 kitchen maids or *drudges*" (rather unwomanly, I think, to call them so)

English=pure to Sedan & Saarbrücken

[I will return to this.]

I believe, most undoubtedly, that untrained women *of the country* can be of the greatest use to the Sick & Wounded of their own country & of the enemy. *on the spot* -

And *I very much regret* that our Agents should not have made use more of their services, bring them on the spot, as Mr. Trench did. [end 15:724]

[But I must put off about this -]

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3. Dearie: there is nothing new, I am very sorry to say, in the grievances. The writer is worth the whole lot, both of Men's & Women's Committee, as I always knew she would be. She is so intelligent so business-like & sees so much through things that she is distressed with matters which were inevitable under the circumstances.

[Tell her so, with my love.]

They began, as you know, without organization in not in the Palais de l'Industrie but in a small fourth class London shopkeeper's house over a shop.

-not with Madame Canrobert & M. de Flavigny as woman & man head - but with two very, remarkably, unbusiness-like miscellaneous, hap-hazard, Committees - &, so far as I can make out, without (& are still without) any Treasures to make & keep & *insist upon* & manage all Accounts, *Order books*, Estimates &c &c &c.

How the Gentlemen's Committee gets on at all without this Officer, I can't think. I am always afraid that there will be some dreadful break down in the Accounts. that, so far from their giving "published Accounts," there will be no "Accounts" to "publish"- & that most unmerited disgrace will some day visit the Gentlemen's Committee from the British Lion - because a lion who contributes £230,000 thinks that he has a right to roar & so he has

[Lord Overstone ought to be whipped for not having kept them out of this difficulty]

6. You have no room for efficient sorting & organizing. To carry out your business properly would have required a large hall in a Palais de l'Industrie. I don't wonder a bit that you are imperfect My real wonder & admiration is that you have done so much.

It is difficult - Perhaps impossible - to get premises equally convenient.

But if the War goes on I fear that you will want such.

c. I feel very much, & have felt all along, how hard it is (what you say) that the work becomes so subdivided that no one knows what is doing elsewhere- what, elsewhere, is answered to enquiries - &c

[I have had some most melancholy instances of this - of contradictory answers being sent - or no answer at all - or - - people writing to me to know "what" such & such an answer "*could* mean". And indeed, it was difficult to say.) One person sent me an envelope, weighing 2 oz., of answers from 3 *different* members of the Gentlemen's Committee - And indeed they were very ~~bad~~ curious, (tho' I could not admire the sender).]

You do extremely want one Central lady=head, like Madame Canrobert (you would do for it very well) - [or like Madame Fliedner at Kaiserswerth -without whom nothing would go on.]

And one Central gentleman=head- the two to confer together daily.

d. I am not telling it you to comfort you -for indeed it is very distressing - But the Berlin Central Verein broke down much more completely than yours It had to be supplemented either partially or entirely by Local Vereine - And on the great battle fields it was all but powerless.

The *Johanniter* (Government) nominee were next door to useless -

And the vaunted Prussian organization -deservedly vaunted, I believe, as far as the Reserve Hospitals (not the permanent

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Government Military Hospitals)  
 in Germany go, quite broke down  
 alas! on & near the Battle-fields,  
 even for weeks after the battles  
 The French ~~Red~~ Wounded,- what between the ruin of  
 the French Intendance & the tender mercies  
 of the Prussians - seem to have fallen through  
 the two stools quite to the ground.

N.B. The wilful confusion of people's  
 mental condition on this point is almost  
 maddening - between the German Hospitals  
 in Germany & those on the battle fields. Both German  
 & even French Wounded seem beautifully  
 cared for in German Hospitals in Germany.  
 But, if we are to believe evidence at all, the  
 condition of the French Wounded on the fields  
 occupied by the German Armies was - - - what  
 could not well have been worse - And  
 that of the Germans not much better]

Why does one recall all this?  
 Not, God knows, as an excuse for our  
 disorganization - but only: the Germans  
 had been for 4 years, organizing, organizing  
 for War= Sick with the experience of the  
 campaign of 1866 to go upon.

If *they* have not done better than this.  
 - and I am convinced we do not know the  
 worst, which we should have known if they  
 had not been victorious - we must not  
 be too impatient with ourselves, but try to  
 organize, organize, learning from others'  
 failures & our own.

And this I hope we shall do.

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4. I need hardly say how glad I was to  
 hear that Col. L. Lindsay was going to  
 Versailles.

No doubt, if it is possible, he or some  
 accredited Agent, will include a visit to  
 Tours. & as well as to the Prussian Head Quarters - &  
 consult with both as to the best course of  
 proceeding, if *anything* can be done for Paris  
 - if *any* plan might, for God's sake, be hit  
 upon for obtaining lists from the interior  
 of Paris of things required - (for obtaining

not only the concurrence but the help of the Prussians which would of course be necessary - in doing this-) for making up the stores under Prussian inspection at Versailles or elsewhere - & these being allowed to pass inside the lines.

If this can by any possibility be done thro' Prussian Head Quarters, no doubt Col. Lindsay will try his utmost.

For Prussian Ambulances, the lists can easily be made out & the stores supplied & distributed - with an accredited Agent from us to visit the villages where there are or will be Sick & Wounded & to organize the distribution.

The Depot should be, no doubt, at the most convenient point: Havre, Rouen, Boulogne, Calais- with access to the Prussian lines. An expense store, or two or three such, might be formed near Paris.

But the immediate agents would have to be either Prussians, or Prussians for the now

Bismark understands this perfectly -

A case of siege differs essentially from a campaign.

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5. I am afraid it is not at all certain that many of our Society's bales have reached their destination.

Much has, it is believed, been stolen or sold- & much is still lying at unknown foreign Railway Stations- except, of course, what has been sent by Agent, Doctor or Nurse.

No doubt you have had the advice of a good London "forwarding Agency"- a business of its own - to make out the invoices, keep the books, forward, get the vouchers, file them &c to deliver every bandage where & when it was required.

The work is a regular business to which people must be apprenticed.

[Ladies & Gentlemen have done much & done wonders.

You could have no idea when the business was begun how enormously it would grow.

If the whole were to be done again, it might be done without hitch.]

The are, I believe, English Officials who could direct practically, speedily & certainly all the proceedings.

6. I do not know enough of Dr. Sandwith

to speak positively. I should have  
thought him more of a man to work  
well as an Agent in difficulties on & near the

battle fields than on a Committee.

7. I know too little of Lord Bury's work  
to be able to speak confidently  
I believe Capt. Brackenbury to be a  
first-rate organizer & manager.  
Ditto, of course, Professor Longmore. x.

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[~~But~~ x. the latter has not sent me  
back (or answered my letters as to  
that Dr. Kendrick's Dressing case  
for Hospital Nurses. 3 weeks ago.)

8. I must again ask:  
what you most want at present is,  
I suppose, warm clothing, blankets,  
wine & the like.  
It does seem *most* important that  
you should advertise this, if only  
to check that immense accumulation  
of other Hospital stores, to moderate  
it until need arises, if you don't  
want ~~it~~ so much.

It seems to me that you should be  
always advertising for what you want  
(& not for what you don't want).  
As it is, I suppose the bales & parcels  
arrive in hundreds. crowding out into  
the street. the ladies sort & classify the  
stores & arrange in different rooms  
the requisitions are made up, & boxes &  
bales filled & packed by packers who  
do their work extremely well.

I suppose many of the things sent  
are of the queerest. & that some of  
the ladies, (not you) make mistakes  
in classifying the objects.

I wish I could suggest anything. But  
I can see no possibility but to let  
things go on, with an inspection by  
some member of the Committee to  
rectify mistakes, if any are discovered.

Dearie - how much I have written & how little  
said- With much speaking there is much darkness

But I am ever your affecte. old Aunt

F Nightingale

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Oct.7.70 [not FN]

Dearest Emily

I am so glad that you are, (as I hope,) at Claydon that I will not send you ~~on~~ the end of my long letter - no consequence.

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*That "bale of flannel" was from Miss Sellon (don't abuse her - she is an old friend of mine) given her by a "Mr. Palmer" for us - And, as I have written to thank her, I think you need not acknowledge in "Times," unless done already.*

Mme. Canrobert, now at Brussels, says. they want nothing so much as flannel

to make flannel gowns & waist coats for these poor wretches whose uniforms saturated with dirt & blood had to be cut off them - And as she says 'we have to reconstitute a costume for them'-

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Now, that letter written to me after you had heard Dr. Sims' information SHALL NOT "walk into the fire"-

I adjure you to send it me -

Such information it all-important & in= valuable to me - And, as it was "already written", I have the less scruple in appealing for it - It is so

essential for our future course -

I will not write more to-day, as you are resting -

I am thankful to hear Sir Harry is well

God bless you -

ever your affecte. old

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Oct 7/70

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned you this letter before - most interesting to me - I only agree with it but too well (all except the part about Thiers & about Guizot)

This siege of Paris - it is too horrible - 2 millions of men, women & children in it who know not what war is - such a horror the history of mankind has not seen - I have seen & know what a Siege is- but that was a baby siege to this.

The frivolity of the English newspapers' when Christ is weeping over Paris; I cannot write about it. God bless you - ever yours

FN

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Oct.8.70 [not FN]

Dearest Emily

Your letter comforts me very much - It is an immense thing to have carried that, which Sir Harry has done, in the Committee.

The worst Government of all is:

- an irresponsible unauthorized Dictatorship
- an unconstitutional ~~powerless~~ Committee or Cabinet with powers ill-defined or none at all -

It is what has ruined poor France -

= I am very much pleased (& amused) ~~with~~ to hear of Dr. Sutherland's letter about the Ambulance which you mention -

I wrote to him (in answer to a letter of his to me full of exultation about the

proposed Ambulance -) as coolly as I could, pointing out the objections, but in greater detail than I did to you -

This was about a week ago -

He never tells me that he had come round to the same opinion which I hold so strongly -

(which gives me a great deal of trouble)-  
He often does this kind of thing - using  
one's very words -  
And I am far from blaming it, because  
it strengthens one's position very much,  
to have two people, apparently acting  
independently of each other, enforcing  
the same view -  
I never betray the secret for this reason.  
And I only tell you, my Solon, in the  
strictest confidence. You are not to tell

any one -

*I should like to see Dr. Sutherland's*  
letter - not maliciously, I assure you  
but because he is so clever that one  
always learns something, even from  
his piracies -

God bless you -- Keep well-  
ever your affecte. old

F. Nightingale

Oct 8/70

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*Lady Verney*

Oct 9/70

7.a.m.

Thanks for this truly charming & interesting letter -

The life is not 'arid' which feeds  
such characters as one has known in  
old Indians-

*Mr. Cunningham's Nurses*

As for the 'nursing' part:

I have consulted my usual advisers about  
it.

They say:-

'After the manner in which these  
'Indian clerks treated the former proposals,  
'about Nurses, it would scarcely be  
'convenient to argue the matter more at  
'present.

'We have said our say.

'They neglected it. And now  
'according to Indian official custom they

'have been trying it on their own hook.

'It succeeded.

'Ergo: they abolished it.

'And now a plan is proposed whereby  
'the Nurses of a Circle would form  
'one body under a Superintendent  
'& be sent where they are wanted.

'Do not reject this proposal -

'Say that it is not quite the  
'manner in which you would have  
'desired to introduce Nursing into  
'India.

'that your views had been fully  
'explained but not adopted.

'that they might try their way ~~now~~

& 'that so far as I (F.N.) am concerned,  
'I will render them every assistance  
'in training for them in England.

'At the same time, keep firmly to

'what experience. has always proved that, as Nurses cannot safely be sent about with Regimental Hospitals, so there are, *especially in India*, conditions without which neither the respectability nor the efficiency of Women Nurses, however good & well trained, can be secured.

N.B.

[The French Red Society entirely declined, as I think rightly, to send any women, even *Soeurs*, with their Ambulances in this War.]

I do not see how I can say more.

= *Blue Books*

I send you our Annual Indian Sanitary work- At P.C. 40 and 288 (turned down) are the only parts I have signed myself. Please just shew them to anyone down

stairs who cares- & then let me have the book back -

They have down stairs THE ONLY SEPARATE COPY I have of the paper (at p. 40) printed as a separate paper - And ~~they~~ it cannot be found to be returned to me (who of course want it) - as there is no Reprint

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My dear Sir Harry

As the giant Ambulance is off, & as it will make a great hole in our finances, every one must hope that it will succeed. And it is a great thing that it is authorized from Prussian Head Quarters & as it were their 'requisition'- We have so often fallen between two stools viz. that of being abused for not acting in concert with Belligerent Central authorities - and for not supplementing & assisting Local wants & Local Societies - & we have so often indeed failed in both respects that I would not repent of this giant, even tho' he be costly.

I have not written lately, because I had

nothing of sufficient general importance to say to take up your time- & because discussing it with the "Society" is not the way "*to do it*". The only way is: - "*to do it.*"

I am exceedingly glad that, thanks to you, there is now to be something like unity of action & method of business in our Central committee - that a Committee is to be a Committee,

in short - All along, the absence of this has been the cause of some of our main misfortunes. And I have myself perceived that most contradictory action has issued from the Committee.

What you want, next to Central unity, are:  
*Inspecting* people with capacity  
& power over supplies & money -

Nobody of any authority or savoir faire - appears to have been sent out on the German side until Capt. Brackenbury went. Without this, even with the best intentions, the Aid Society's agents arrive at quite second hand results.

Luckily for you, I have been interrupted all day - I have received a most valuable letter from my old pupil, Florence Lees, now recommended by me to the Crown Princess for her Central Hospital Supt. at Homburg - She clearly

shows how Typhus was *manufactured* by the Prussian Surgeons round Metz. -where she was in charge of a Hospital at Maranges. In these things the German Sisters are worth nothing. And she implies: better without them.

Also: she tells of the Cr. Princess's astonishing energy & savoir-faire in making the Hospitals healthy - at Homburg

I will send you her letter. We ought to have helped the Hospitals round Metz much earlier. But we really had no *Inspecting* agent of any ability there. Miss Lees seems never to have heard of us. I mean of our Society's agents. N.B. The C.P. telegraphed to me about her -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

My Aunt Julia has carried off F. Lees' letter to the School- so that it will only reach you

in a round about way.

Please return it to me  
whenever you have received & read it.

It is a letter worth any two of any of  
the other women - shewing how  
Prussian War Surgery never can be  
healthy till they know a little  
more about air & the first elements  
of health - unless an English woman,  
like the Crown Pr., steps in & takes it in  
hand. as she has done about the Rhine.  
It is the letter of a woman who  
understands her subject.

**[end 15:727]**

FN.

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[15:727-29]

My dear Sir Harry

I send you again Florence  
Lees' letter, to shew to Princess  
Christian, as you desire -

Please be sure & send it  
me back again, as I have  
not yet answered it at  
length. merely writing her  
a hurried scrawl to say  
how glad I was to hear  
that she was safe & useful.

Its importance to us is very  
great - as it is the only letter  
I have seen from any of our "Lady",  
Nurses, or indeed from any  
one except Drs. Frank, & Sims,  
which shews real insight into

the causes of Hospital  
disease & Hospital health  
-tho' I think we have  
gleaned here & there  
quite straws enough to make  
us understand why  
Prussian camps & Prussian  
ambulances are so unhealthy.

Yet, to insure the health  
of Hospitals is just the  
thing which we Hospital  
people are sent to  
procure -

This woman, this Florence  
Lees, really understands her  
business- ~~what~~ the business  
she was sent to do - But  
few of the men do-

But see how the Crown  
Princess understands *hers*!  
What noble work she is doing!  
The Queen & this country  
may well be proud of their  
German=wedded daughter -  
Her work will enshrine her  
in all hearts- all the more

that the world will give  
it at most a passing  
tribute, & then go on its  
stupid way.

I hear (I will not say, "on  
"the highest authority"- since  
like a newspaper- since there  
*can* be no "authority" for this.  
as the Germans cannot have  
made up their Statistics - &  
the French still less)- I hear

that, whereas the Mortality in the French Ambulances has only been 1 in 8½, that in the Prussian has been 1 in 5. This is enormous -20 per cent [My informant very modestly adds that he cannot account for the difference.] We can account for it very well - Since the Prussian Ambulances have had every essential to make them a manufactory of Typhus, Gangrene & Erysipelas. And I very much fear that the Mortality will prove something still higher than this. tho' they,

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being the conquerors, have had a far greater command of supplies than the French. Nothing strikes me so much as that Doctors in all countries are like the native Indian doctors I was lecturing this summer: they don't lead the civilization - they merely apply it such as it is to sick & wounded people. There is no better Operating anywhere than in Prussian ambulances - But this is a specialty. Go beyond the specialty & the ambulance merely represents

the civilization.

It is difficult to see what could be done to alleviate such a state of things.

The Crown Princess (God bless her!- I had such a beautiful letter from her lately)- has done the very best in showing a better

example.

But in the mean time  
they don't learn. & the poor  
men suffer.

They (the Crown Princess &  
her followers) have as much  
difficulty in dealing with  
the Medical Department,  
*with some noble exceptions,*

as we had in the Crimea.  
It has struck me - (but it  
would be a difficult thing  
to propose)- that the most  
likely way to undo these  
stupid Doctors would be:  
- just as our Government  
issued a Commission,  
(Sutherland & Rawlinson,)  
with powers under which  
they acted quite new &  
unprecedented in all  
Armies -  
for Von Roon, the War Minister,  
to have an Inspector of his  
own [the Crown Princess  
would be the only person  
who could select him - &  
I believe she could lay her

hand on an efficient  
Prussian Inspector].  
& give him power to deal  
with such cases.

We hear accounts which, if  
there be truth in evidence at  
all, shew that under V. Roon's  
own eyes in the Prussian  
camps round Paris the  
most ordinary essential &  
Sanitary necessities are not  
provided for.

We see from Miss Rumpff's  
letter that, actually, at &  
near Prussian Head Quarters, where  
we must suppose supplies  
to be most plentiful,- in  
the very Palace of Versailles itself,

e.g. [3]  
there are "36 flannel jackets"  
for 600 Patients - & at  
Brie en Robert 256 Typhus  
Cases!!! without Beef Tea  
or the commonest Hospital  
provisions, actually "dying for  
want"!

If these things are done or rather left undone at  
Prussian Head Quarters  
round Paris- & at the  
Typhus "Stations" round Metz,  
(as described by Miss Lees,-)  
-if the German camps are in  
such an insanitary state  
round Paris - too -  
*if* these things could occur in  
mid-autumn on what is  
really Prussian ground,

what will happen in  
mid-winter if the  
Prussians are still at  
war?-

I shall be all anxiety to hear  
of your Ambulance, the  
giant - where it goes -

I don't much admire the  
Rumpff letter- it is so full  
of herself & her dangers - &  
gives so little insight into the  
real state of the Hospitals.

Still what she tells of the  
wants is important, & essential  
for you to know.

I have taken the liberty to  
keep her letter another day to  
shew Aunt Julia when I  
will be sure to return it to you

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Buffon says: *cet animal  
féroce mord tous ceux qui  
veulent le* ("flatter," you think  
he is going to say- but it *is*) "*tuer.*"

The indignation expended  
upon these unhappy French  
who actually ! try to act  
against!! the Germans (who  
have over=run their country  
pillaging, annihilating,  
besieging, from Alsace to  
Paris- till a state of  
misery exists impossible even  
to ~~ever-state~~ describe-) reminds  
one forcibly of Buffon's indignation against the  
"ferocious" animal which bit  
its murderer! -

[end 15:729]

in haste

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

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*Private Ladies' Committee*  
*"Widows &c of the War"*  
Miss Busby  
for *Mme. Schwabe*

My dear Sir Harry

Would you be so kind, as  
to advise me how I should  
answer this fresh invitation  
of *Mme. Schwabe* to change  
the character of our Ladies'  
Committee & its object? -

[Poor *Mme. S.*- she is quite  
incapable of judging whether  
the "Friends" are "business-like"  
or not. But "Miss Fox" is an anchor-

Her allusion to "Lady Mayne"  
is: because Ly Mayne joined  
the Comm: on my account.]  
Please return me the enclosed.

Yours ever

24/10/70

F.N.

I need hardly say that I  
think: to furnish the starving  
peasantry with food, clothes,  
shelter & tools, especially  
in the NE of France- a  
still more pressing call  
than even the poor "Widows  
& orphans" of Germany.

Do you see the accounts  
of the misery round Sedan  
& Bazeilles? -

all yours

F.N.

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bundle 149

*Private {on diag.}*  
*Mme Schwabe*  
Oct 24/70

My dear Sir Harry

Would you think it well  
to try to make your Gentlemen's  
Committee grant *Mrs. Schwabe*

a few hundreds - upon any conditions you deem proper - for her own absolute disposal for the Sick & Wounded?

[It is impossible for you to think more strongly than I do as to her unfitness to be employed as an Agent of the Society. Every story of her being unbusiness-like & unreasonable that you could tell me I could more than cap from my own experience.

But] I think that this demand *is* legitimate. for the following reasons: -  
 - she paid all she collected into your Society.  
 - she was told in writing (in a letter which I saw) that she had better spend her own collections her own way, *the day after she had paid them all into your Society's hands.*

This is the only really strong point of her grievance- And I confess, when I saw the corresponde. I think it *is* a strong one -

She also says - that the Socy.

has wasted hundreds - (she might truly have said thousands)- & implies that at all events to waste a few hundreds on her *for her disposal* would not be out of their line. She has, I know, declined turning away the funds of her own friends in Manchester & Liverpool from the Society's hands into her own as she might have done [She is suffering from private pecuniary difficulties occasioned by her generosity- which I am not at liberty to mention - & her Banker & Trustee has positively refused to advance her more of her own money to spend on the War -]  
 She says that she never knows

*whether the Society have. granted aid to her petitioners or whether they have not*  
 [This is a statement which I am able to corroborate from my own experience of the Socy.] And therefore she wishes to have the grant put *at her disposal* for the Hospital. She does full justice to you & Emily & Ld. Shaftesbury

& Capt. Galton.  
But she does think that she  
has not been treated well  
by others- & she has shewn  
me letters which I do not  
think,- However tiresome  
& unbusiness-like she might  
be- were quite the letters  
to address to her - after what she  
HAS done for the Society  
The above is, I assure you, a

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very, very succinct Résumé  
of the deluge of her  
corresponde. with me -  
I conclude as I began - that  
I think it a not unreasonable  
request that she should  
have a grant of a few  
hundreds- or of the money  
she has undoubtedly  
contributed to the Society-  
to spend in her own way  
on the War Hospitals -quite  
certain, as you must be,  
that this will reach the  
Hospitals & *meet actual*  
WANTS - & *more directly*  
than many grants which the  
Society have otherwise made.  
in haste yours ever F. Nightingale

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bundle 149

Oct. 25. 70 [not FN]

[15:730]

My dear Sir Harry

Would you kindly read  
the enclosed from Florence  
Lees - & advise me as to  
what would be the best thing  
for her to do - you who have  
of course the latest & best  
information about the  
Hospitals at Versailles.

Her singular powers are  
evidently wasted where she  
is- And my words "the  
post of honour" referred,  
not to her present work  
but, to her work at Metz.

As I have not the slightest

intimation of what the  
results of Col: Lindsay's  
visit to Versailles are,  
I must trouble you to  
decide as to where F. Lees  
would be of most service.

[She would be invaluable  
at that Typhus Hospital  
at Brie-en-Robert, described  
by Miss Rumpff- or any  
such place - (tho' I do not  
think she knows much of  
cooking or linen). Her  
specialty is *Nursing* proper-  
And in that she is unrivalled.  
as in knowledge of the Health of Hospitals]

But I feel so ignorant as  
to the ~~Hospital~~ Versailles needs or possibilities that I must  
leave it to you. to advise as to her going. **[end]**

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I hope that Emily showed  
you a very disagreeable  
summary that I was  
obliged to make of attacks  
against the Society - & that she asked  
you from me what I was  
to do with reference to the  
requests therein made to me.

I was rather sorry not to  
receive your answer to-day  
I am convinced that there  
is reason to think that  
the feeling therein described.  
(against the Socy.) is very strong  
among business men -  
that they think that "the  
"Aid Socy. ought certainly  
"to have published a weekly  
"or at least monthly account  
"of its receipts & disbursements

"-a kind of general statement-"  
"It is not too late to do so-  
"But it is certainly time-  
"(Now that there is a pause:)  
"- to state &c &c &c  
"& what they intend to do."

x x x

"The falling off of the contributions  
"is partly due to the want  
" of business=accounting  
"on the part of the Committee

x x x x

"So far as the future is  
"concerned, it all depends  
"on the Committee". x x x  
I have been urgently asked  
(by men) "in the present  
"state of matters to suggest  
"to the Committee some

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"such course to satisfy the  
"public as that stated."

"It is *for the Committee* to  
"justify their position first."

Of this I am quite sure -  
that any public writing on  
my part, (as suggested in  
the résumé I sent to Emily)  
would be presumptuous on  
my part & do the cause  
no good nor the Society -  
- & that none but the  
Society itself can "*justify its  
their own position*".

"There is need of caution,  
"because there is great  
"jealousy, much personal  
"ill-will, & one must say

"not a little bad administration  
"to cope with. x x x  
"What is wanted at present  
"is a *thorough revision of*  
"*the position* by the Committee in order  
"that the contributors may  
"know where they are."

x x x

I give you this little résumé,  
which is all from what  
men of business ~~may~~  
have written to me. (and  
I might make it much  
longer)- because I am  
convinced that, if anything  
is done, said or written,

it must be by the Committee  
themselves.

I am too unwell to move  
just now - but on  
*Thursday* I must be,  
please God, in London

yours  
F.N.

Oct 25/70

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*Private* {on diagonal} Nov 1/70 [pencil] [15:732]

*Miss Rumpff*

My dear Sir Harry

I take for granted that  
you have seen the enclosed  
batch of Miss Rumpff's letters

I am afraid that I feel,  
like Mme. Schwabe, in a fury  
of pity when I read them  
-in a fury of hasty wrath  
at Pr. Pless & the Johanniter  
& even at Col: L.L. [we were  
so surprised that he did not  
personally visit the Hospitals -  
- is that the way to serve  
them? I am sure you would  
have seen into the whole  
administration & distribution  
yourself] -

I confess that I now feel  
as if we *must* form a  
private Fund, if it were  
only a few hundred, to  
do what the Aid Society  
with its £40,000 (at Versailles  
& Paris) has *not* done -

Before I saw these letters  
of Miss Rumpff's, men, of  
business ~~said~~ wrote to me (after  
reading Col: L.L.'s letter  
in "Times":)- "those £20 000 he  
"has given the Prussians  
"will not reach the *sufferers*"  
"whom it is intended for."

If you do not see your  
way to helping Miss Rumpff  
& the wants she describes  
directly (and this, when  
we are actually spending  
£41000! upon that Giant!!!)  
I would gladly start a  
private Fund with £100  
of my own, tho' I could

ill spare it.

How infinitely Miss Lees  
must be wanted there -  
it is just the sort of thing  
she would do so well -  
I wrote to her in your sense -  
i.e. to consult Crown Princess -  
Do you think we could  
write again? - I abound

in Miss Rumpff's sense -  
 The Sisters of Charity are of  
 little *real* use. To name  
 them in the same day with  
 an English-trained woman  
 (like ours at St. T's) of the  
 calibre of Miss Lees & Miss Rumpff  
 is absurd.

I am writing to you in answer  
 to your long letter on another sheet.

1. Please return me Miss  
 Rumpff's letters by Messenger,  
*if you have seen* them before  
 † [I only write now in haste  
 to know from you if anything could be  
 done at once to help her-]
  2. Could you send me more  
 copies of that (confounded)
    - (a) Col: L.L.'s letter
    - (b) Financial Statement
- by Bearer? ever yours F.N. [end]

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{printed address}  
 [Returned]

35 South Street, 1/11/70 [15:730-31]  
 Park Lane,  
 W.1

My dear Sir Harry

In *general* answer to your letter: -

This conclusion is to what all our experience  
 tends:

the decortication of the Prussian Hospital system.

It is a hollow shame.

*We* knew this before -

Col: Lindsay & the "Times" do not seem to have  
 known it till Col: L. went to Versailles.

They are just where the French were in the  
 early part of Louis XIV.

They have beaten the French in soldiering.

But their Hospitals have still to march a  
 century and a half - (or ever since Frederic the  
 Great) to keep up to our present standard.

Their definition of a soldier is "a man in  
 the ranks." Out of the ranks he is somebody else  
 who has been unfortunate. but who is to get  
 nothing but what he had in the ranks from

his Government still - & is to receive the  
commonest, even to the commonest necessities,  
for a *sick* man - not from the Government  
who calls him to arms but from - - - -

his own country's

*Voluntary* contributions & from *us*. (even while they abuse us.)

[I don't know whether I was more alarmed or amused at Col: Lindsay letting out the secret which we knew long before - viz. that the Prussian Government makes war cheap by throwing all its duties & responsibilities with regard to its *sick* men overboard, & leaving us & others to pick them up *if we please*. *If not, not*.

It is exactly what we told our own Govern't. in 1864, with regard to the Geneva Convention - 'take care that it in no way diminishes the responsibilities of each belligerent Government for its own Sick & Wounded, & for making preparations in time of peace for its Sick & Wounded in time of war.']

*We are in fact* paying a large quota to the expences of the Prussians making war.

2. On other points, Col: Lindsay's letter was

also one of great interest - but scarcely what one would have written about Hospitals or the Fund.

It reveals more than it conceals.

Prussia is in trouble before Paris - [Though information must be at present most imperfect, yet I think this estimate is rather below the truth: --

*20 per cent sick* (in the Prussian Army  
*20 per cent Deaths to Sick.*

From the private accounts I hear of the state of the Prussian Ambulances, of the Typhus 'Stations' in particular, the Typhus cases lying or rather dying on straw, - I believe the 20 per cent estimate of *Death-rate* to be far below the truth - (I do not hesitate to say that the state of the Scutari Hospitals, which roused the horror of all England, & at its worst time,) was not so bad as that of the Prussian ambulances at its best time - that is,

when there was no pressure either before Metz or before Paris from any *recent* large battles or Cholera Epidemic or the like.)

Evidence enough is already forth coming to lead us at least to suspect:-

1. that the *French* Ambulances have a Death-rate more than one third less than of that of the Prussian Ambulances x x -this, even in the great necessity of France
2. that the French International Red Cross is, even now, in their great necessity, better managed, i.e. goes more direct to its aims, than the Prussian, (with its magnificent Prince Pleas).]

As for any practical insight into the present *actual* condition of the *Sick & Wounded* which the Chairman of the "*Sick & Wounded Fund*" gives us through his recent visit, it is of course 'lucus a non lucendo' -

[end 15:731]

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x x. *French* Death=rate (said to be) 1 in 8½  
    *German*       "       "       "       "       1 in 5.

[I don't vouch for this.]

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35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.1

3. *Financial Report*: signed by Committee.

What I hear men of business say is:

'they appear to have kept no definite  
'accounts - Money came in & they spent it.  
'The need was great - the work overwhelming  
'- but still one would think that a Day=  
'book of receipts & expenditures might  
'have been kept.

'The Public will accept the *names*'  
'but without the names there would  
'have been a "row."

'They should begin now to keep rigid  
'accounts.'

'In a few days it will be seen how the  
'public are disposed to deal with the question. If  
'they are satisfied,' subscriptions will come in. If not, not.'

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A no less important point is: -  
what ought to be done now?

[The whole manner of working the Geneva  
Convention will have to be altered.  
All that has happened was foreseen -  
and the dangers pointed out to our Govt.]  
As to the £20000 to the French & £20000 to  
the German:

what I understand that men accustomed  
to manipulate these subjects say is:

the French will spend it honourably -they are on their good  
behaviour-

the only way to take was that taken  
viz. the agreement made with the French  
War Minister that the Government is to  
supply for the sick everything according to  
their own scale, & that the Aid Society's  
money is to improve the allowances -  
And '3 Englishmen' on the Committee  
makes us quite safe in Paris. as to its application.

With regard to

The Prussians; pressed as they are, there is no security against their so manipulating matters that the funds & supplies for Wounded & Sick may be used for preserving the efficiency of the ranks.

No agreement seems to have been made for guaranteeing the use of the £20000 to be that which the Subscribers intended.

Prince Pless' letter is not worth the paper it is written on.

We have private evidence indeed that the Hospitals are ill supplied or scarcely supplied at all - while our subvention including the Giant Ambulance, & goods in kind, is upwards of £60 000 - to the Army before Paris alone (~~much~~ more than was subscribed by the English specially for the whole of their *own* Hospitals in the Crimean War.)

There is only a quasi-assent- on the Prussian side - to cover the Sick & Wounded- & the expenditure of the Society's funds.

There does not appear to have been even an attempt to unite Col. Walker with the Prussian authorities in the expenditure - or any Englishman -

I conclude that the only safe way of doing the work is: -

- (1.) for the Aid Society to disburse solely thro' its own Agents - which it could very well do in cases where there are *scattered small Hospitals*
  - (2.) and, when acting *with Armies*, there should be a joint Committee -
- In view of the small remnant of the Fund, should it not be disbursed solely by responsible agents & in special cases?

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4. In answer to your suggestion about  
"Incorporation":-  
one scarcely sees what would be got by it  
at present -  
there will be no balance to pass over in trust  
- it would apparently be better to begin  
afresh with nothing when the time came  
than to have a small vested Fund as an  
excuse for not contributing

If you please to show this letter to  
Capt. Galton, I should be very glad. He  
may give some valuable hints -

The Committee has published so very  
little valuable information for us to form  
any conclusions at all upon, except  
what is "*conspicuous from its absence*,"  
that I am obliged to draw what I can, in  
answer to your letters- from private sources - never  
having seen any questions replied to at all by the Committee  
ever yours sincerely F.N.

9004/133 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

2 Nov/70

My dear Sir Harry

I have read over Miss Rumpff's  
letter to you - most carefully - again -

But I do not find that it much  
modifies my conclusions.

I mean, as to the *want of guarantee*  
that Prince Pless' £20000 will reach  
the Hospitals directly or immediately -

[N.B. The account she gives of  
"Hospital Gangrene" is quite enough to  
~~condemn~~ stamp the whole Prussian system  
at once, tho' she does not see it.]

Question

1. Have you received the letter from  
Dr. Neithardt (of the Lycée Typhus  
Station) which she mentions as having  
sent to you (in her last but one to  
Mrs. Wardroper). marked by me in red?

*Please say -*

[It is impossible to like Miss Rumpff's tone in the third sheet of her letter to you - I mean the arrogance - her saying that the "Giant" Ambulance had better employ *her* (to open their way for them.)!.

Still: I would submit this: -

You say she has had £35- so far as I can make out, the Crown Princess has given her *nothing* - for her expences -

she has spent £10 of your £35 on the journey from Homburg to Paris - principally on the men -

£10 she very wisely leaves at Frankfurt for her return to England -

(£15 she had probably spent on her way

out to Homburg) -

The Crown Princess distinctly told her, when sending her at her own desire to Paris, that our Society were to provide for her- (excepting rations. & Quarters - which are provided for her - at least *part* rations)-

[How wrong the C.P- was in this I don't pretend to know -]

But it does appear to me that we ought to send Miss Rumpff something. She is apparently now without a shilling, unless she sends for the £10 which she has very properly reserved for the Journey home.

*Question*

2. And unless the Society will vote her something, I should prefer, with your kind permission, to do what I say in my *little* note to you - of yesterday's date

*Question*

3.

2. *Please send me back this whole boutique tomorrow morning* - I can

make use of it

*Question*

4 - Also: may I not see the *little* note you showed me on my bed

Wellcome Ms 9003

894

this morning (*not* enclosed in this)?

I cannot write a word more  
tonight - but will in the morning.

ever yours

FN

9004/134 2ff, pen with pencil revisions, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 3/70  
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

1. I think it will be very kind of you "to send Miss "Rumpff £10 now & a small "grant, if possible, next week"-  
- always providing that what the Society won't pay, I pay.

Could you kindly tell her that you have "never received "any letter of hers, enclosing "one from Dr. Neithardt, "nor ever heard from him "at all, (if this be so)?

2. *Countess della Torre* - a woman of (more than) doubtful character - some say, quite an adventurer -

a great friend of good, simple, gullible Garibaldi.

This is the *THIRD* war in which she has gone about trading upon being "a great friend of Miss "Nightingale's."

I have never had any communication with her, direct or indirect- have never even heard of her excepting from those who knew her real character -& who wrote to ask if I knew her-

You will judge best as to how much it is prudent to tell of this. (Miss Rumpff asks.)

[It is always imprudent to unmask a woman, even of

whose imposture or bad character one  
is personally cognizant -  
And I have more than once  
been in this scrape 3 times  
in the Crimean War- once  
about that (so-called) Mr.  
Yelverton.] It is, I suppose, best simply  
to say that I have not the slightest acquaintance  
with Mme della Torre -  
3. I hope you understood  
that it was not the voting  
£20000 to the Prussians  
that I thought unadvisable  
- *that* was capital - it was  
the leaving it, *without any  
of the guarantees* so wisely  
& sufficiently exacted from  
the French side, in the hands  
of a man who is a fool,  
without even the pledge of  
Col: Walker's co-operation,  
that is thought unadvisable

-not by me only but by  
every man of business I have  
heard from. The old King  
has in fact out-witted  
Col: L.L. And the Sick are the losers.  
[I did not know that it was  
you who proposed the £20000.  
Therefore you may be quite  
sure that I was quite sincere  
in saying that *that* was well  
done - that ~~other~~ this was ill done.]  
4. Please let me have back  
the whole shop of letters-  
& *any others that you have*  
which will give me  
*information* (for me to  
return to you.) And  
could you let me have  
*Miss Rumpff's former letter*  
to you once again?  
ever yours F.N.

9004/135 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov. 1870 [not FN]

My dear Sir Harry

Would you send me up *the whole boutique?* of the letters? - for an hour?

I will send them you again *to night* "to read to Parthe," if you like it (tho' I do not know that she has any *practical* acquaintance with the subject) if you will let me have them all again tomorrow morning as you kindly propose - I think I can do something with them even before Capt Galton & you return -

Was he at the Meeting to-day?

Were you able to propose a small grant to Miss Rumpff?

My dear Sir Harry

Would you let me read *now*- YOUR letter from Miss Rumpff?

I will return it to you in half an hour- It appeared to me that it might modify her other letters.

9004/136 4ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 7/70

7.a.m.

Dearest Emily

I wish I could answer your question about asking Mrs. Galton" as to the desired *Précis*"-

But you must be so much better a judge of this than I-

I have not heard from Capt. Galton in answer to my long letter of Saturday about Versailles Stores & Hospitals)- I do not even know whether he returns to London before to-day -

[I think we agreed that I should hear from him & then write to *him* first.]

The danger of asking Mrs. G. is that, if she were to say positively - there is no possibility of getting the letters to make the *Précis* (in which she might be quite right [?])

I could not then ask Capt. Galton or ignore that she had given her verdict *against*.

But, as I say, you really know the "status quo". (for the "commencement of negotiations") so much better than I do -

I am afraid that, unless we can see the letters *already* written, this would not be a good time to "send out any questions to the Drs &c". They would say: "we are too busy- we have written to you all you ask for now".

[Many, I know, have said this- And I confess I have felt it myself-

The Comm: don't read each other's letters - don't even read their own - don't know *what they have*-]

I should not "write a pamphlet, unless I could

[2]

obtain the full & accurate information which the Comm: are already in possession of- i.e. in their desks, not in their heads -

Perhaps not even then -

But I am too busy to be "writing "pamphlets" en l'air-

4.- *Tell me if & when you go out of London* - I send you a letter to read - which please return at once - *with any suggestions* as to what should be done with it

[Does Sir Harry come back morning or evening to-morrow?]-]

-I was quite aware that the Q. of Prussia believed that "England had given nothing"-

-I don't know what good or evil genius led me, in one of my letters to the Cr. Princess to tell her something about the "Society's"

operations- But I know that, had I not, she too would have known nothing about them -

I dread having to write to the "Cologne Gazette"-I don't think I can -

How can I furnish a "detail" of the "Society's" operations, when the "Society" does not know its own

"operations"?

At the same time, I feel more than ever  
how necessary is a publishing of their  
"operations"-

(not, as Ld. Overstone's was, at once  
excusing & accusing - offensive & defensive)  
ever yours

F.N.

9004/137 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: Nov.7.70?} bundle 149

Dearest Emily

I assent to your doing what you propose, if you think it wise, with Mrs. L.L-

I enclose Miss Lees' letter for the purpose- & a letter from the Cr. Princess, a few days older, shewing her gratitude for the English things -

*Please return*

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I return Miss v. Z's noble & touching letter - which I have read with the deepest interest -

While agreeing with all she says against the French, does she not quite ignore the other side? I enclose

you part of a letter I am writing - with which Germans, better informed that she is - entirely agree - I mean about Bismark & Prussian aggrandizement & the fall of Civil freedom in Germany -

*Please return it to me, as I cannot re-write it*

your  
F.

9004/138 3ff, pen, signed letter bundle 149

Nov 8/70  
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am about to trouble you with two requests, both received through the Cr. Princess, which she trusts that you will kindly be able to carry at the Meeting of the "Aid Society" to-day:-

*Homburg*

1. (as per not enclosed from Miss Lees to you:)  
24 English camp with iron bedsteads  
11 horse=hair mattresses  
(for H.R.H.'s Lazareth at *Homburg*-)

*Berlin*

2. (this is thro' the Crown Princess for the

Queen of Prussia)

"The stores AT BERLIN are already failing -

"If a supply could be sent to the *Central*

*"Depot of the Hilfs Verein there?*

it is added

"and a *drawn-up statement of stores &*

"MONEY already sent out to Germany- & of all England is

"doing- ~~to~~ & for Germany-

*Private*

The Queen of Prussia does not believe that your "Aid Society" exists

(a fact I have known for some time) & has flatly contradicted the Crown Princess about it!

I have received, again & again, kindly intimations that

the greatest service which could be done (to mitigate the ill feeling growing up between Germany & England)

the most "inestimable benefit to either nation" would be: to publish in German newspapers, in the Cologne Gazette, & to send to the *Berlin Hilfs Verein* (for the Queen of Prussia)

"a drawn-up statement of stores & money already sent out- & of all England has done and is doing" "to shew Germany how deep her debt of gratitude ~~was~~ is."

These are the Cr. Princess's own words.

The Crown Princess is emphatically anxious that I should

1. "send a statement TO THE GERMAN PAPERS  
"of *all* (if possible even the items) of what  
"England has sent out since War was  
"declared - x x x
2. "send a drawn-up statement of stores  
"& money already sent out- & of all  
"England has done & is doing- TO BERLIN HILFS VEREIN  
- "which would be rendering an  
"inestimable service to the Nation- x x  
- "there is unhappily such an ill feeling  
"growing up between Germany & England  
"& *nothing* would do more to allay this,  
"than to shew Germany how deep her  
"debt of gratitude was" -
3. "send (or have sent) a column to the  
"COLOGNE GAZETTE saying WEEK BY WEEK  
"what England was doing (as one sees  
"in the "Times")-

All this is reiterated over & over again in different words. But these are the *three heads*.

The Cr. Pr. adds that  
 if I had not written her some account  
 of the Aid Society's operations, she  
 herself "would have known *nothing*"-  
 ("I myself should have known *nothing*"- these  
 are her own words.)

She adds  
 "whether you (F.N.) write, OR THE SECRETARY  
 "of the (English) "Society" at St. Martin's Place,  
 "make it clearly understood *in Germany*  
 "all that England has given, has done,  
 "& is doing-  
 but that *her* (the Crown Princess's)  
 "name is *not* to be used" as prompting  
 this.

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 Yesterday, Emily was so good as to go to Mrs.  
 Lindsay at St. M.'s Place & ask for "a drawn up  
 statement" of "what has been sent to Germany"-  
 She was answered that "one had already been sent"  
 (last week) "to the Crown Princess:- & that they  
 did not wish to make out another - for  
 fear of there being some discrepancy  
 between the two.

[2]

Nothing more could be had out of them  
 And Emily was wisely afraid to press  
 it.  
 [It is therefore of the highest importance  
 that you should know this, in order  
 not to re-iterate urgency in the same  
 quarter.]

But, you will see, this does not help  
 me in the least.

I cannot write to the Cr. Pr. that it is  
 for HER to send the "statement" she has  
 received, - to the "Cologne Gazette"  
                   to the "German papers"  
                   to the "Berlin Hilfs Verein &  
                                   the Queen"

(not to add that she expressly desires her  
 name not to be mentioned.)

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It seems to me *so natural* a course that  
 the *Secretary* of the "Society" should write  
 such a letter & send such a statement,

*if asked*, to the Cologne Gazette & to Berlin &c that I, innocent should *never* have divined for one moment that any difficulty would arise in making such a request.

But - the ways of the Committee are past finding out- (at least, by me.)

[Have the "Ladies' Committee" really *no* copy of the "Statement" they profess to have sent to the Cr. Princess within "the last day or two" ?]

I have written you a long letter, dear Sir Harry, with very little strength, because I think you prefer my Abstracts & abridgement to fishing them out of many letters for yourself-

ever yours F Nightingale

9004/139 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 9/70

My dear Sir Harry

Let me first say with what thankful joy or joy in sorrow we see the work our Society is doing in Metz & the surroundings - Capt. Brackenbury is working nobly- & those under him. We thank God that He has chosen to make use of us in that too dreadful business. The Aid Society is doing gloriously. What fine reports those last of Brackenbury's. [I wish we could say as much for our work at & round Versailles - I fear that nothing can be *less* efficient\_ And \_ no prospect of peace! Our stores & the Hospitals there seem in the last degree of confusion.]

2. I thank you very much for letting me see these letters, which I return - They are most curious & interesting- For depth of feeling & for power of expression (& truth, as I think, of judgment,) d'Haussonville's cannot be named in the same day with the others\_\_ it is so superior \_

Mr. Ward's have been for some time mere transcripts of the newspapers which are

supposed to be Bismark's official or semi-official organs. [But the idea is an *original* one\_ to comfort the French & justify the Prussians (for the transfer of Alsace & Lorraine) that, even *without* these provinces, Prussia was victorious over France \_]

I think d'Haussonville quite warranted in saying that Prussia has found us at her feet the morrow of her victories - that we foresee nothing &c

What there *is* to be "foreseen", I know that I am speaking the opinions of the most enlightened Germans in saying: is: \_

that the most highly\_ & widely educated, the most deep thinking nation of Europe, the Germans, are plunging head foremost under Military despotism

that "German unity" means now only Prussia's aggrandizement

& Prussia, under Bismark, means nothing but a trampling on all civil freedom, on all constitutional rights, on all political progress \_

that the real Mephistopheles in this frightful tragedy is: Bismark, who has besotted not

one stupid Faust \_ not one drinking, half=savage population, "plunging them into hell" but a whole Centra Continent of the most "philosophical & civilized peoples of the earth \_

Is any ruin like this?\_

is the ruin of poor, torn & trampled France herself. (richly as she has deserved it - as M. d'Haussonville himself nobly acknowledges) *is it anything like this?* \_

I said something of this kind to one of the ablest Germans I know\_ And He wrote to me \_ that it was perfectly true - adding \_ "by what means has it been brought \_ about!!" \_ and proceeding to tell me, how Bismark, \_ having appropriated the revenues of the King of Hanover & Elector of Hesse \_ had employed them \_ -- not to restore to the peoples from whom they were drawn but \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . to pay spies & - - - - subsidize the newspapers

to write in *his* interest!!!

And: *this* is Prussian Government!!!

As for "M.M.'s" letters in "Times," I hear that enlightened Germans think of them as  
- - - they deserve.

Who is "our friend" who writes "against us" in the R. des Deux Mondes, according to Lord Granville?

I have all the Nos., & don't know \_  
yours

FN.

Nov 9/70

9004/140 3ff, pen, some pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 11/70

Private Please burn 7.a.m.  
 {on diag.} 35 South Street,  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.1

My dear Sir Harry

As I have been written to about Emily  
 (of which of course she knows nothing \_  
 therefore you cannot attribute *this* to her prompting)  
 tho' very weary, I think it but fair to her to write this\_  
 but it is to you *alone*\_\_

1.

Emily has never once either in speech or letter  
 told me of her own works & doings \_ xx.  
 \_ [I have been told repeatedly of them by others\_  
 -been told repeatedly by persons for whose  
 opinions I have respect that "she was the  
 only person of ability on the Ladies Committee", that  
 "she was worth all the others put together"-  
 &c &c &c And it was impossible not to be  
 struck, for a person of my age & experience,  
 with the business-like practical insight of  
 her letters \_ as unlike those of all the rest  
 as Capt. Brackenbury's are unlike those  
 of Mr. John Furley, Capt. de Kantzow, & the rest  
 Emily has *never* spoken or written to me of what  
 you did on the Committee except to impress  
 upon me the immense value of all you

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 xx. She has told me of her own mistakes

have done \_ (but not more than it deserved).

[And I, being very unfit for explanations,  
 should have thought it hardly necessary to  
 assure you of this\_] ~~but for what has been~~  
 3.

Emily has never, I think, (directly) once told me  
 of the "Society's" "mismanagements". It has *come out*.  
 as when she sent me your Form\_ "why had they not had one before?  
 You yourself have told me a great deal more  
 than she has. (and you know whether what  
 you have been kind enough to tell me has  
 been hasty or acrimonious) Every body  
 has told me a great deal more than she has.  
 They have told themselves to the world a great  
 deal more than she has by their own

unfortunate letters

But, you know, I have had ~~all~~ the information  
from *the other end* I have seen all your  
business *inside out* - the dirty side, as it were,  
of your "linen sent to the wash" i.e. from the  
Depots, Stations & Hospitals abroad  
All this information, sent by friendly hands,  
for your use, should have been laid at the  
feet of the Committee. But I learnt that  
at least one letter, written, I believe, by Capt.

Brackenbury stating faults & remedies, had been so ill received that I understood it had ended almost in an open rupture \_ & in his declaring (at first) that he would not serve any more.

In fact, I have told Emily (& you) much more than she has told me \_

I began, as you are aware, by writing to her & to you long letters, *condensing* my information from abroad.

And I could have given much more \_

also under the following heads: \_

1. the total inefficiency of the Agents sent especially round Metz & Saarbrück) till Capt. Brackenbury went
2. the immense trouble given (& still given) by Mrs. L.L. & her ladies by
  - a. sending Bales without any indication of their contents
  - b. with wrong indications of their Contents
  - c. that *one* thing was asked for & *another* sent *continuously & repeatedly* between our Depots & Committee putting our Depots at an enormous disadvantage- & that our Ladies' Comm:, (i.e. Mrs. L.L.), said "it did not signify" (pour toute réponse)
3. that the Committee neither required nor invited but rather discouraged any *weekly* report being sent from the Depots to them, stating week by week what was in store what had been given out what was required (from England) to replenish the store
4. that no Estimate was ever made (nor is now) of the wants of a certain number of Sick in a certain article *per diem* -but things were given or withheld without such calculation \_ or something else given \_  
Now a sick man wants according to his wants \_ not according to what is or is not in store -

5.

6.

7.

&c. I could, of course, multiply these heads

&c. very much \_

But I prefer not. Some have been remedied

Others neither have been, nor will be —  
I have been told that much more forcible  
remonstrances than mine have been addressed  
to the Society by the best of their own agents—  
but they have been either resented or unread  
(by its Chairman). And some have said: they would

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remonstrate no more

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All that I am here stating is: \_  
 that I have received nearly, if not all,  
 my information\_ not from E., but from  
 the *other end*.

[Also: it is hardly likely that one of my age,  
 not to mention my experience, should  
 receive *any* statements, \_least of all E\_.'s,-  
 "unsifted"-

But I have still the same opinion that  
 E. has most remarkable talents & powers  
 for good, for administration = business \_  
 great devotedness, ~~perseverance~~ & candour  
 - tho' she, being yet younger in experience than in  
 years, ~~is~~ may be of course hasty in her opinions.]

I would just remark by the way that on  
 all hands the sophism has been exploded\_  
 that, because Bales were sent out to me  
 at Scutari in great confusion in 1854,  
 therefore that is an excuse for this "Socy.,"  
 (as has been curiously urged)\_  
 When had *they* (in 1854-5) such an Establishment  
 as that at St. Martin's Place - professional  
 packers & unpackers- paid Agents \_Depots\_  
 £270 000- &c &c &c \_ At Broad Sanctuary  
 alone, there from 70-100 paid women working \_

I am obliged to break off this letter,  
 dear Sir Harry, for indeed I am ill able  
 to write. And I should scarcely have thought it  
 necessary for me to defend Emily to you.

But I had another thing of some  
 importance to say - which I must put off-  
 about the Socy.

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Thanks many for Mme. T's Balloon  
 letter (which I re-inclose)

I will send you my own letter to you which you  
 ask for as soon as I can lay my hands  
 upon it -

ever yours  
 F.N.

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35 S. St. 11/11/70

Dearest Emily

I send you first

1. the de Grancey letter \_ as you desired \_ what a beautiful noble letter it is \_ may the regeneration of France come, out of this awful crisis, this De Profundis, \_ as she prays! "mon âme désolée n'est point abbatue" \_
2. a whole batch of Cox & Eyre letters from Amiens, by Sir Harry's desire \_ Please return them to me - and I will return them to him \_ [I must read them again]

They shew an immense amount of good very quietly done - but what curious peeps into nun=Hospital economy \_ men dying of starvation made to 'faire maigre' on Friday \_ & many other index=facts I should like to

talk over with you some day \_  
My best love to Mr. & Mrs. Fred -  
ever yours

F.N.

I hope you will come back-

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35 S. St. Nov 12/70

Dearie

I think there must be some mistake about the Screen-silk \_

But, of all things, the worst part of it is: if, as you say, Mama has been worried again about it \_

I had rather never have the Screen at all than that this should be the case \_

The silk, as I believe, arrived here from Embley *early in July* \_ & was sent to you [At that time parcels came from Embley for you by every week's box.]

This was brought up to me, unfolded, & to the best of my knowledge, was the desired piece.

Wellcome Ms 9003

913

But I was too overwhelmed with pain,  
weakness & business to look into it

The next day \_ it was Thursday \_ a note came from you to Temperance \_ saying that the silk was to be forwarded to you at Claydon (to be mounted for me)

It was accordingly sent to 38 Up. G. St. with ~~several~~ two other parcels for you\_ as you desired.

Sir Harry called a few minutes afterwards \_ to speak to Temperance about some parcels for himself \_

And she told him that ~~all~~ the 3 parcels had just been sent to 38 Up Grosvenor St for you \_ & told him of the roll of silk\_ (the 3 parcels were tied up together).

He was going to Claydon that day \_  
[If he took one, he probably took all.]  
Temperance is perfectly clear in her memory of all this - And so am I\_

[I cannot say which Thursday in *July* it was - But it was *after* Sir Harry had left me - & 2 or 3 weeks before I went to  
Lea Hurst]

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*Private* {on diagonal} Nov 15/70

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your kind note \_

*Q. of P.*

1. I am "advised" that, as the Queen of Prussia has written to the Comm:, (of which I was not informed,) the proper way for you to do would be, in acknowledging her letter, to *send the List which you propose to her* as if *her* letter was your motive in doing so, & as if it was the natural acknowledgment of "Her Majesty's gracious letter"\_ &c

[You will know so much better how to do this than I.]

It saves all mention of Cr. Prss., Hilfs Verein, Lord A. Loftus, or the like & all suspicion \_

*Cologne Gaz:*

2. You were kind enough to say that you could & would, if I judged it necessary & if the Cr. Princess was very pressing, send me a full List of what has been sent in money & kind to Germany.

The Cr. Prss. *is* pressing \_ And I have

arranged, *both with the Cologne & Augsburg  
Gazettes*, thro' means in London, to send

them *full Lists of what your Society has done for Germany* (as soon as I receive them from you)\_ but neither my name, nor of course the Cr. Pr\_'s, is to be used.

3. I return the letter to yourself which you ask for\_

It was in the packet which you kindly gave me for Capt. Galton\_ And he has only *just* returned it.

He has not yet returned me Miss Rumpff's letters - but he will.

yours ever

F.N.

4. I have seen a private letter from your Giant Ambulance - They are at St. Germain "*doing nothing*"- "cold shouldered "by the Prussians"\_ "looked upon as intruders." Our A.M.D. is "dissatisfied" about it, & say now that "the Ambulance ought not to have gone to Versailles at all".

F.N.

5. Do not suppose that I am always carping at your Society. I think there is evidence that you have done more good than *all the "Orders"* with their rules.

6. Emily has sent me back the Eyre & Cox letters \_  
*Shall I send them back to Lady Eyre at Boulogne ?* \_  
It will give me an opportunity of writing to Mrs. Cox, which I wished to do \_ (but am afraid of not reaching her at Amiens now\_) & enclosing it to Lady Eyre.

F.N.

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35 South Street, Nov 15/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I think the enclosed List is capital & will allay a great many National

heart-burnings

A copy of the Q. of  
Prussia should be sent  
by yourselves direct.

I should like to have  
4 copies

one for Cologne Gazette

" " Augsburg "

" " Crown Princess

" to keep for future use.

But, if you would kindly  
only send me one, I could

have others made by Vacher \_ for  
 myself\_ Or if Mr. Drury  
 would get them made  
 by a Copying Clerk, I  
 would gladly repay him.

I will answer tomorrow  
 early your kind note.  
 ever yours  
 F.N.

9004/145 3ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 16/70

My dear Sir Harry \_ Many thanks -

Col: L.L.

1. I am "particularly pleased" at Col: L.  
 Lindsay's kind message.

[by what magic did you manage that?]

I have an unavoidable engagement for all *this*  
 afternoon- but I could see him either  
 Thursday, Friday or Saturday at the hour,  
 ("between 4 and 5,") he kindly mentions.

If he still says, I am to choose, I will  
 say 'Friday'. [But if either of the other days  
 is more convenient to him, it is equally so  
 to me \_]

If I don't hear from you, I will conclude  
 Friday, "between 4 and 5."

*Ambulance*

2. It is quite a relief to me that half the W.O.  
 Ambulance is gone to Orleans.

We hear of 5000 Sick & Wounded between  
 that & Marchenoir almost without what  
 we call Hospitals.

*Hülfs Verein*

3. I entirely concur with M. de Rothschild  
 & Capt. G. that "what is sent to the Berlin  
 (& indeed other) "Hülfs Vereine" "goes to the  
 Army."

[I only repeated to you what Cr. Princess had  
 asked\_ ] as in duty bound.]

But what I fear is that the £20 000  
 given to Prince Pless "goes to the Army"  
 The Johanniter openly expressed their policy  
 some time ago\_ & notably to Capt. Brackenbury  
 \_ that their funds went as much "to the Army"

as to the "Hospitals."

[They are of course the masters to do what they think right.]

Now Pr. Pless is the head of the Johanniter.

No agreement seems to have even been suggested that our £20,000 should go to *supplement*

not to save or replace, the Govt. allowances for the Hospitals & also should not go to the Army -

I believe there is evidence that much of it

*will* "go to the Army". even indirectly if not directly \_

*Miss Rumpff*

4. Many thanks for Miss Rumpff's letter -

May I return it to you in a day or two, unless

you want it to answer at once?

["Mme. Schwabe's £5" was "a present."

She told me of it.]

Tho' I don't like the Rumpff tone, I believe her information is valuable, & I hope she has received the £50\_ I am sure she applies money well.

And, as you know, much as I admire Cr. Prss., I have no faith in her fulfilling any promise. It is certainly hard upon a woman who has absolutely nothing that her "keep should cost her £1 a week" & another woman, "Miss Henderson", be put upon her.

[To get on well with Princesses, one must be entirely independent of them in money matters.]

Mrs. Cox

5. I enclose a most *instructive* letter from Mrs. Cox. (just received).

I should be glad to have it back *to.day*, if I could\_\_ as I have only read it once, & have not written to her yet \_

She & Col: Cox have been among our best Agents.

6. Max Müller is said to have said that he knows "Scrutator" to be *Mr. Gladstone*. Do you

believe it?

ever dear Sir Harry yours

F.N.

[bundle 149]

O mon Dieu! donnez-moi d'être toujours contente de vous.

Vous souffrez? Eh bien, acceptez la croix, *prenez-la, vous êtes heureuse*. Et que voulez-vous que le monde fasse à une âme dépouillée, sacrifié? Elle leur échappe.

Et Dieu lui-même, qu'est-ce que vous voulez qu'il fasse à une âme crucifiée?

C'est *un autre lui-même*, un autre Jésus=Christ, une autre victime. En elle, il voit son fils.

Il l'aime. Et alors cette âme crucifiée, si elle a ce courage, elle est heureuse, car toute la perfection est là: c'est l'amour de la croix, la paix sur la croix.

Une croix se présente, je ferme les yeux,

je m'étends, je me laisse clouer.  
*C'est Dieu qui me crucifie:*  
que son saint nom soit béni!

9004/146 6ff, pen, signed letter, black-edged paper

London Nov. 19/70 [15:741-44]

Sir

I cannot thank you enough for your kind note of Oct 16, --- and for your valuable pamphlet on the "deutschen Frauenvereine "unter dem rothen Kreuze". I have & I will go through it carefully & with the deepest interest\_ & hope to write to you, when we have gathered up our experience from this terrible War, a full appreciation of it, as you are kind enough to ask me \_

Before such experience has been ~~has been~~ tabulated by us, I feel that I should send you  
Dr. Hahn

&c &c

no answer worthy of you. I should only be able to make premature generalizations & theories standing on one leg or one fact, upon which to build whole plans of action which would of course break down.

But I have delayed too long & will not delay longer my thanks for your invaluable pamphlet \_ hoping later to write more fully on its contents -

If you knew the pressing occupations which the countless horrors of this most horrible of all Earth's wars\_ which the ghastly hideous sufferings not only of the Sick & Wounded but of the ~~suffering,~~ starving, stripped & burnt out peasantry of

France have brought upon me \_  
already overcharged with business  
& a prisoner to my room from  
incurable illness \_ you would pity  
me & forgive me for my seeming ingratitude  
The English people, from the richest  
to the very poorest have all  
sympathized with the sufferers\_  
have all sent in contributions  
whether in money, or in kind,  
or in unpaid labour, to our  
"Red Cross" Society - And we have  
already sent out to the German  
Sick & Wounded alone since  
Sept 7, £57,000 (odd) worth in kind  
£30,600 (odd) in cash.

And about the same to the French  
side. But the demands upon us  
are ever-increasing - And, could  
we send out as much more, it  
would not so much as meet them.  
The sick French prisoners in Germany are a

fresh & heavy claim upon us.

[This is independent of what  
England is doing for the starving  
peasantry round Metz & Sedan.]

We know & we honour the  
immense sacrifices made by  
the Germans for their Sick &  
Wounded & all their sufferers.  
& especially the devotion shewn  
by the daughters of Germany in  
giving their noble & disinterested  
Services. Where the husband  
& the brother laid down his life  
for the country, so did the  
wife & the sister- All were  
ready, as we know, from the  
Princess to the Peasant, to devote  
hand & heart, mind & life,  
to the Fatherland.

[2]

The incalculable & unprecedented numbers & wants of the Wounded & Sick in this most frightful struggle of all the struggles in Mankind's history will, I think, raise quite new questions for "Red Cross" Societies in their future action:

1. One will be:— the whole question about "Infirmiers" (Krankenpfleger" or "Orderlies" which takes quite a gigantic form in this terrible War—

— 20,000 Krankenpfleger" would have been short allowance for this War— And where are there one thousand?— We in England are not at all better off than other countries in *Trained "Orderlies"* for the whole British Army in case of war— [not so well off as

the Military Hospital which trains for the French Army, the Val de Grace at Paris.]

Foreign *Military Orderlies* are probably never likely to enter a Belligerent Ambulance.

A *Civil Men's Nursing Order*, like the Johanniter & Malteser, but properly qualified & neutralized, ought to be able to supply men= nurses, (Krankenpfleger) to both Belligerent sides.

But has any Order of Johanniter or Red Cross been of any real help in Nursing (Krankenpfleger) in the Ambulances of this War?

2. Can the "Red Cross" Societies attain any organization which would enable the service for removing the Wounded from large battle= fields to be accomplished in a *few hours*?

The following is the problem: \_

1. Sick & wounded in towns
2. " " " villages
3. " " " scattered country houses
4. " " " ditches, under trees,  
hedges, in holes where  
they have dragged  
themselves for safety
5. " " " Ambulances

What we want in dealing with the  
problem are: \_

searchers  
bearers (Krankenträger)  
Surgeons  
Nurses (Krankenpfleger & pflegerinnen)  
supplies for such purposes  
brought to the ground  
during or immediately  
after battle \_ i.e. as  
soon as the firing has ceased.  
portable kitchen stoves. & extemporized  
kitchen arrangements  
& the like \_

*Question*

3. the degree & proportion to &  
in which Nurses (Krankenpflegerinnen)  
in time of War should be TRAINED  
Nurses.

and for *International Service* this  
also involves the question of *languages-*

In the heroic & mighty popular  
devotion of the women in the  
American Civil War, one point,  
viz. the community of language,  
greatly eased their labours. Both  
belligerent sides, all sides, uneducated as  
well as educated, spoke the same  
language - i.e English

In England scarcely any woman,  
except the highly educated speaks  
German. [We found this the  
difficulty in sending out even  
those Nurses whom we did send  
out in this War to the German side.  
There is the same difficulty for  
*International Surgeons*]

[3]

[When I was at Kaiserswerth, not one of the Deaconesses spoke English so as to be understood. In France, "Sisters of Charity" speaking English are almost as rare - in fact, only those who are English by birth. & speaking German the same.

Many more ~~Eng~~ German Surgeons, ladies & soldiers speak French, many, many more than French Surgeons, ladies or soldiers speak German

This *international* difficulty is much overlooked by "Red Cross" Societies in their deliberations about International Surgeons & Nurses.]

I think it is certain that many, many lives have been saved by peasant women & peasant men in France.

not because they knew anything of Nursing but because they brought IN TIME the kind of help which would have been useless in an hour or two, even if given by the best Nurse extant.

Had the battle-fields been in Germany or England, the same kind of help would have been given yet more freely.

The battle-field of Gravelotte, (whence all the Wounded were not removed even in 5 days' time), was invaded by all the peasant girls who could reach it, bringing with them wine, water, sometimes bread, means of binding up wounds somehow or other, and the like.

All the Hospitals round Sedan had similar invasions

An old decrepit woman & three

German students had 40 severely wounded cases to deal with in the Château at Balan after Sedan. No doubt when our highly trained English "Sisters" dropped into this awful place, things were vastly improved at once- But, except the old woman, there was no Nursing for 14 days.

A charming Madame de G. & some village girls kept the Wounded alive in the Church & cottages of Givonne after Sedan who would otherwise have died.

This is what some call 'Nursing'  
We don't.

But, without this, we should be ill off in any War.

And any "Red Cross" system should take into account how to help these improvised local agents by giving them portable kitchens,

fuel &c by pouring in portable soup, Liebig's Essence of Meat, chocolate, wine &c - putting the stores under the charge of one of these Volunteer ladies, \_ paying those volunteer peasant cooks & Nurses who cannot remain by their charges without wages.

Our English "Red Cross" agents did give this kind of help round Sedan & ought to have given a great deal more \_  
[But, of course, to import *untrained English* poor women into Sedan or the converse would have been absurd.] And the same must probably be said of all international Krankenpflege by agents ignorant of the language of the sufferers.

[4]

These & many similar questions have, I am sure, Sir, engaged your attention - And I have no doubt that you have already arrived at much more satisfactory conclusions than I have.

I must crave your pardon again for this most desultory & unsatisfactory letter - I have been interrupted so often even while writing it.

May God bless *all* the efforts that are making in His service in this horrid war\_ & prevent it from spreading further -

And pray believe me, Sir,  
 ever your faithful servant  
 Florence Nightingale

I venture to send you one of our English "Red Cross" Manuals for War Hospital Orderlies  
 FN [end 15:744]

9004/147 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

{printed address}

*Private* {on diag.}

35 South Street, Nov 10/70  
 Park Lane,  
 W,

My dear Sir Harry

If you can kindly come to me this afternoon *at about 4*, as you propose, I should be glad to see you for 10 minutes.

But I am obliged to say something which I am sure you will think me wrong *not* to say \_ & which indeed I thought had been understood for years -

Dear Sir Harry \_ it is *impossible*.  
 \_there are NO degrees in the impossible \_  
 \_for me to see any one, however dearly I \_  
 love them\_ (or rather, the more dearly I  
 love them) except to convey to me  
*information* which it would take him  
 too long to write to me \_ or \_ to discuss  
 & exchange conclusions, *considered* conclusions,  
 from papers which have been, or ought

to have been read, before, by both sides.

For any one to come & read to me  
his own or my own letters is, for me, alas!  
simply *impossible* \_ [Every *such* interview

puts me into severe pain for hours or days.]

[I say nothing of what is a proverb among men of business:—

viz. that to do business from hearing a letter read is a mere sham.]

All my (few) friends are kind enough to understand this — Sir B. Frere, Sir J.

Lawrence — Mr. Villiers — &c

Sidney Herbert, during the 5 years that I saw him every day that he was in London

— busy as he was — even ill as he was —

was always so truly good as to understand this, without my telling him.

During all that time, we never I think discussed any business except what each of us

had thoroughly mastered, from

interchanged papers, before — (And we did nothing else.) And that is why — we got thro' so much!!

And, if he wished to give me, or to hear from me, information vivâ voce, he actually took the trouble to set down the heads on a bit of paper & bring it with him! —

Now, far more than *then*, it is simply impossible for me to see any one, on any other terms —

My little strength is rapidly declining —

And I owe it to a Higher Being than any friend, however dear— My "meat" must be: — to do His work.

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About other things too, my old Doctor said to me, with just severity —

"you have broken thro' every rule that has ever been made for you —

and, when I see you suffer, I can only say that, by the laws of consequences,

I wonder you are not suffering even

more." You will perhaps understand this.

(it does *not*, of course refer to what I had invited myself,)

Believe me, dear Sir Harry, it gives me more pain to write this

than you to read it.

And I hope that you will kindly

spare me the pain of having to write

it again (& above all *not* mention  
it to me)            ever yours  
                         in heart & truth  
                         F.N.

9004/148 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149 [prob Emily Verney]

Nov. 22. 70\_

My dearest Field Marshal [15:748]

You are in such a hurry

[You would never get shut up in Metz \_]

I believe the Précis business ins going on  
as well as possible \_ But of course they  
must take weeks where we should take  
~~days~~ hours\_

At Capt. Galton's request I sent  
him in 5 sheets of questions.

This was just after you left.

He had a copy made & gave ~~them~~ it to  
Mrs\_ Lindsay \_

I have refreshed his memory since \_  
And I *think, perhaps, about* Christmas,  
you know \_.....!

[end]

2. I liked Col: L.L. much better than I  
expected \_ First, we fraternized about his

father- Last, we shook hands 3 times!

& he expressed a wish to come again!

He is not very broad or very high \_  
But he knows his work, what they have \_  
done, what they want to do,  
much more accurately than ~~they~~  
people give him credit for.

And when he doesn't know, he says  
he doesn't know -

I did not of course allude to the Précis,  
further than by alluding to the necessity  
of one in a general way \_

Otherwise he might have thought

I was working underhand\_ For I  
know Capt G\_ gave the questions  
to Mrs. L.L\_ as his'n \_

I did not tell one lie, my dear. Yet  
it was curious to see how his

friendliness increased, till he  
topped up with enthusiastically  
enquiring after my "niece" \_

I was so proud of having a niece\_  
& such a niece!

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I want to hear much more of Mr. Fred's  
Working Men's Club\_

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I send another letter of Mrs. Cox  
which please return \_

That is because you are in such a hurry

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I have a great deal more to say \_  
Waiting in the dark  
& in furious haste  
your old Aunt

22/11/70

F

9004/149 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

I must write ~~tomorrow~~ day (Wednesday is the day on which Queen's Messenger goes) to Cr. Princess. having let pass 3 Wednesdays for the sake of this List.

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

I have seen & heard nothing of the 3 copies of the *List of money & things sent to Germany*, altho' it is a week to=~~morrow~~ since you were good enough to ~~send~~ shew me the List.

If you would kindly let me have it for half-an-hour, I could copy it in that time.

Events march so fast that, in another week, I am told neither Cologne nor Augsburg Gaz: nor Cr. Princess will care to have it.

Pardon me for troubling you again\_yours F.N.  
Many thanks for screen- 22/11/70

9004/150 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 23/70  
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am very much obliged to you for the copies of Lists \_

I hope that the French List will not be distributed as it is \_

As it is, you will see that it gives a most incorrect & unjust idea of our Operations.

It actually stands thus: \_

To French	To Germans	
[cut]	Packages	£27,000
?	Purchased Goods	£20,840
?	Cash	£30 660
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£25 000	£88,500	

And because the *Packages* are the same, they take pride to themselves I hope that this will be set right before any human being (out of the Socy.) sees the French list.

[It appears besides to be incorrectly copied]

2. Could you kindly tell me, before you go  
out\_

(1) what you were so good as to promise for  
me to tell Cr. Princess\_ viz. what has been done



to consider this 'entre nous'.]  
The other half is gone to  
Orleans\_ but has apparently  
been taken possession of by  
V. d. Tann, & may be doing  
good work\_  
You will see that this re-opens  
the whole "*International*  
Surgeon" question.

2. I did not mean,  
Field Marshal, ~~that~~ by  
saying that the Précis  
question was going on well,  
that it was within months  
of being begun \_

I only meant  
that Capt. Galton has sounded  
Mrs. L.L.  
that she thinks it is her  
own doing & wishes for it  
that Capt G. gave her a copy of my  
"Heads of Questions," "to  
show her," he says, "the  
"magnitude of the work" &

"that she *must* have  
assistance"  
[~~that~~ "she has been out of  
town", Capt G. says\_]

It seems that Capt. G. &  
others have wished that  
you could be allowed to  
bring the letters here (by  
Instalments) that I might  
help you about the "heads,"  
which are rather formidable  
even to an old Army man  
But I don't believe they  
will let the letters come here  
ever yours  
F.N.

[2]  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

Col: L.L. told me himself  
that they were in great  
want of warm clothing,  
blankets, Medicines &  
~~Medical~~ Surgical Instruments  
at 2 St. Martin's Pl.  
& that *any* quantity,  
especially of *Warm Clothing*,  
would be welcome &  
*wanted* \_

F.N.

9004/152 2ff, pen, some pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

*Ernest Hart*

35 South Street, Nov 24/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

No doubt you have received your summons to this.

I have been asked several times to ask you to go \_ on this plea: E. Hart is clever but unsound. And remarks from you might do good \_

I am glad Col: L.L. is "in the Chair\_" [I thought it was to be a sort of opposition affair.

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*What do you wish me to say about the "communication" desired from me? -*

You know I know too much. And, if one speaks at all one must say what one knows

What I know is so unfavourable to Prussian "Medical" (& "Sanitary)" organization" that I should not like to say it now- also unfavourable to the "Red Cross"-

tho' I think there is evidence that your Society has done *more good* than all the Orders working under rules \_ certainly than the Johanniter.

But my feeling is: that to say *ANYthing* now is quite premature\_ And, if I have anything to say at the end of the War, ~~(tho'~~ it is

quite doubtful that I shall have time & strength to say it), I would not say it at the S.S\_ *Please say in what terms you would wish me to*

*couch my answer.*

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Do you think that I had better  
communicate with Col: L.L\_  
direct about anything,  
(such as the desirableness of  
forming a Précis of all  
the valuable information they  
have in letters &c &c &c)  
\_ since his visit to me, for which  
I have to thank you.?

FN

9004/153 2ff, pencil, blue paper initialled letter bundle 149  
with a letter to HV from A.W. Ward, Owens College Manchester

*Ward letter*

35 South Street, Nov 24/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

I return with many thanks the  
Ward letter \_  
I will only remark that, for  
some time, the Ward letters  
have contained nothing but  
what was in Bismark's  
semi-official "Organs"  
~~that~~ (Max Müller tries to  
maintain the same ground,  
cutting off the best leg \_)  
It is much better that the  
Germans should now speak  
out as they do - & say:\_  
\_ it is *not* a war of self-defence.

-it is *not* a war for the  
"Fatherland"  
it is *not* a war to repress  
French aggression \_  
- it is a war of conquest,  
of aggression, of Military  
ambition, exactly ~~the~~ as  
much as the Wars of the  
Napoleons -  
that we wage & mean to wage:  
It is much better that,  
indecent as it is,

Germany should speak out \_  
\_ She has told hitherto as  
many lies as the French\_  
[And M. Müller is telling  
them still \_]

In the opinion of the best Germans I know, there has  
not been the least doubt,  
(as you know), about  
Prussia's real intentions,  
since she crossed the frontier  
\_or at least since she  
found out (*belle raison!*)  
"how weak France was" \_

And the best *Germans* think this of Prussia ~~too~~  
F.N.

M. Müller  
says: "Scrutator"  
is Gladstone \_  
Is that true? \_  
{this last on diag.}

9004/154 1f, pen, unsigned note, with a letter to FN

The (apparently) Secretary of the Confrérie of Russian ladies (Princess Gortschakoff's) is Madame Bonteneff wife of the first *Russian* Ambassador at *Constantinople* after the Crimean War.

She writes to me \_

with it a letter by HV Nov 24 My dear F. Mr Ernest Hart has not summoned me unless the summons has gone to Claydon. My opinion is that you will render great remu by going into the whole question when you have had time to dint all the reports & information which the war will supply.

You will be able to point out what has been mistaken in the formation of the Red Cross Society, & how it may be rendered useful in future. What errors or illeg guilty of, as well as they Red Cross of illeg...recommend you to say that your health...

9004/155 2ff, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

35 South Street, Nov 28/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dearest Emily

I send you a letter from Mrs. Cox, which, as you see, has come here\_

I *hope* she received a letter from me, posted *last Monday* "to the care of Lady Eyre" at "*Boulogne*" (as I did not know but that Mrs Cox had been driven out of *Amiens*)

You ask who Mrs\_ Cox was\_ I do not ~~know~~ remember her maiden name. But she is the wife of a Col: Cox, who was A.Q.M.G to the wretched "Land Transport Corps" in the Crimea, & got them into capital Order\_ I was sent for from Scutari to do their Hospitals (brought Nurses up with me)\_ by Orders from above\_

Both Col: & Mrs Cox were *most* kind to us\_ And she reminds me that she\_ used to come down to me in the Stores at Balaclava & see me give out the things\_ When this War declared itself *so against* France, she & Col: Cox offered to start a Hospital under my name at Calais (where they lived), if the "Socy." would give funds\_

I recommended them to the "Socy.,"\_ but not to start a Hospital\_ And the "Socy." put them in charge of a Depot at Amiens. Except a Mrs\_ Capel, I believe Mrs. Cox has been the most efficient of the Socy.'s (lady) agents\_ not Nurses\_

[end]

I am rather anxious to know what she says

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In case you should not have  
heard from Sir Harry, I enclose  
a note, just that you may see  
his hand, to know that he is  
quite safe after that terrific  
accident to the Express at  
harrow - where he did such  
good service \_

Let us thank God & 'sing unto  
the Lord a new song' \_

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My mother's elder brother, Uncle  
Adams Smith, died yesterday  
My aunt Julia, & Beatrice  
Lushington, were with him  
Frances Bonham Carter, (Hilary's  
sister,) died on Saturday \_  
I do not think you knew either of  
them \_ & therefore only mention, without

going into detail \_ what will  
not otherwise interest you \_

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I have your truly interesting  
letter from Mrs Cowper Coles &  
will return it- People  
talk of what is "truly Christian"  
Now that letter is *truly* Christian

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I have not yet paid you for  
the Music--ticket.  
ever, dearest, yours

F.N.

Nov 28/70

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bundle 149

Enclosed sent me by mistake \_

I cannot say \_ no word can say \_ how  
thankful I am \_ we cannot be thankful  
enough that Sir Harry feels so  
little after effects from that terrible  
Railway accident \_

your \_

F

Wellcome Ms 9003

946

Dec 5/70

9004/157 letter, pencil bundle 149 [Dec.5/70]

Mrs. Cox \_

Dearie, I had a heart-rending letter  
 from her, written at 2 am \_ on Friday  
 morning after the Battle of Amiens \_  
 - the most frightful account I have  
 yet seen of sufferings \_  
 {cut off} would have sent it to you first\_ but  
 I did not know that Capt. Galton  
 was out of London \_ & I sent it him  
 early on Sunday morning \_ that he  
 might do something, if possible, to  
 re-inforce the *Boulogne Depot* \_ to=day  
 {cut off?} have answered her at her earnest desire  
 But she implores us not to write  
 anything of French or Prussian. (mis=)  
 management \_ & not to compromise her  
 {cut off} any questions\_ & always to write  
 under cover to Lady Eyre \_  
 {cut off?} Cox & she seem to be working splendidly \_

Dearie, as you ask my advice, I do not  
 know why you should write to her that  
 you "have not got her letters\_ "  
 I have got them, as you know\_ & have  
 told her that *exactly what she asks*  
 shall be done with them\_ viz. return  
 to Lady Eyre \_ She does not ask you to return th[cut off]  
 She ~~also~~ asks you whether I should like  
 to see any more of her letters to  
 Lady Eyre \_ which I certainly should  
 & in that case asks you to be so kind  
 as to write to Lady Eyre for them \_

[2]

The only good news, dearest Emily,  
 I have heard is what you tell me \_  
 that Margaret is going on well \_  
 God bless her \_

I have been so prostrate with  
 a sort of brow ague for a week  
 that I must stop -

A Dieu

ever yours

F.N.

Many thanks

Dec 5/70

for poor Mme. de

Wellcome Ms 9003

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Grancey's letter -  
which I return -

9004/158 4ff, pen, some pencil, initialled letter bundle 149 [1:574-76]

Most *private Immediate*

{on diag.} 35 South Street, Dec 5/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

We cannot be thankful enough  
(I need not tell you for I am sure  
you know it) for your escape from  
as we trust, the after consequences  
of your Railway accident.

'I sing unto the Lord a new song.'

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I am the more sorry to have to say  
for your information something  
rather disagreeable. I do so,  
because I believe I am the only  
person who will tell you\_

Col: L.L. is "seriously annoyed"  
that your wife should have  
written (& he about to publish)  
an Article ofn his "Socy." from

"information obtained WITHOUT  
"his knowledge or his wife's, partly  
"from the Secretaries."

He has spoken of it seriously,  
calmly, & as I think, justly \_  
as a *matter of business* - to  
men of my acquaintance \_

And I feel I should be wrong  
not to say to you that, from  
16 years of official & business  
experience, I should be of  
opinion that the above, *if*  
it is correct, *is a thing not*  
*to be done* \_

I say nothing\_ of the merits of  
the Article \_

[You know how careful I have been

(but you do not know what innumerable invitations I have had; also from all kinds of newspapers, foreign & English) *to publish absolutely nothing* \_ & not to put into *any one's power* to publish anything \_ while the war lasts].

I have even less respect for my own opinion than you can have - But I could not reconcile it to any feeling of right not to say that, were Sidney Herbert alive, he or any administrative man I might consult, would say: \_  
*"Such an Article ought not to have been written or published at all without having been previously submitted to the*

*reading of the Chairman- And, if this has not been done, Sir H. Verney ought now to withdraw it- before publication) at any trouble, at any expence."*

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Do not, please, answer this letter. I do not hope to influence your judgment- And I am totally unable to enter into any discussion.

2. The *least* evil arising from all this has been: an entire stop to a pleasant & useful communication arising between Col: L.L. & me \_ (thanks to your introduction\_)

Every body says to me: \_  
 "I suppose you knew all about it" \_  
 (the Article) \_

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*Private*

The first intimation of it (but one) came upon me like a surprise - viz. what I have said above. & an Advertisement which I saw.

[The only *one* other information was that, about 3 months ago or more, you told me "Parthe was thinking of writing in the *Cornhill*" \_ \_ I had actually put down what I meant to say to you on the subject in answer. But I thought I should hear more \_ I was in almost daily communication with you all. (My opinion was not asked, either.) And I thought I had reason afterwards to think it the Article was dropped, from the total silence\_ & from my never seeing it in the Advertisements \_ Also, it never entered my mind that an Article would be written (as is now stated, truly or falsely)

*without the Chairman's knowledge & partly from the Secretaries' & others' communications.]*

Dear Sir Harry \_ I am now so ill that 2 hours of the day I work, 10 or 12 hours of the day I am prostrate from pain & weakness. You may judge that nothing but a strong feeling of the right would induce me to waste my small capital of strength in this kind of writing painfully.

"Lord, if this cup cannot pass from me, except I drink it, Thy will, not mine, be done" \_ is now my constant cry, when I feel the little strength left,

which God has given me for  
 His work, frittered away in  
 all kinds of things which  
 can do no one any good.  
 & are equally painful & useless \_  
     God bless you  
     ever yours  
     F.N.

No one knows that I am writing to you \_ \_  
 I need hardly add that I am  
 sure, if you in your gracious  
 graceful way; were to say to  
 Col: L.L. that you both had withdrawn  
 the Article till he could see it,  
 all would be right again.  
 [I should like him to know, for  
 the sake of any useful influence  
 of mine, that I knew nothing of it.  
 But that is *nothing, nothing at all*,  
 in comparison with a Schism  
 between you & him, \_ on a point in which  
 he is technically, if not morally, in the right.  
     FN

9004/159 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 149 has complete letter,

MOST PRIVATE {on diagonal}

*Immediate*

35 South Street, Dec 6/70  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I wrote to you at Sheffield  
 a letter which I am afraid  
 would not reach you before  
 you started this morning: \_  
 I am unable to re-write it \_  
 the substance of it was this: \_  
 Col: L.L. is "seriously annoyed"  
 about the appearance of P.'s  
 article, & I think, justly, IF  
 his statement, (or what I  
*understand* to be his statement,)  
 is correct \_  
 viz. that the Article is written  
 without his knowledge  
 upon information, or partly

upon information obtained  
without his knowledge  
from Secretaries of is office.  
IF this statement is correct, [und. 6 times]  
(no on e knows I am writing  
to you)  
You will perhaps think well  
to tell him, frankly, & in  
your own peculiarly gracious  
way, that you & P. have,  
unprompted, thought it better  
to withdraw the Article  
till it/~~he~~ could ~~see it~~ be submitted to him  
& ~~perhaps~~ in that case to withdraw it, even if

already gone to press.

In the overwhelming War troubles  
of the last week, tho' this  
seems a trifle, *nothing can*  
*be a trifle* that disturbs  
the connexion between  
Col. L.L. & you.

I have terrible letters from  
Mrs. Cox at Amiens. I  
sent them to Capt. Galton.  
The distress of both French  
& Prussian "Sick &  
Wounded" is overpowering.

God bless you.

ever yours

F.N.

I wish Col: L.L. could know that I

[1 line on folio]  
had no knowledge of the Article.

9004/160 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

35 South Street, Wednesday [Dec 7]  
Park Lane, {printed address} 3.p.m.  
W. 1

My dear Sir Harry

I have *this instant* received  
your most kind letter of  
to-day \_

I am VERY *glad* to know  
the circumstances \_ as I  
shall be able to tell them  
distinctly to any one who speaks  
to me about it \_

I wrote you a little note in answer to yours of yesterday  
this morning (at 10 a m) to say  
- if "the Article" contains nothing  
but what has been previously

published, neither Lord O\_  
nor Col: L.L. has *any*  
reason to complain \_  
I will not trouble you with  
repeating anything more -  
*And I hope you will not*  
*trouble yourself any more*  
*about this* \_  
I hope that nothing more  
arose about it to.day at  
the Office \_

I sent my 2 letters for you down  
to St Martin's Place \_

But I find\_ that they will  
be forwarded to you by  
to-day's post to Claydon \_

So I merely send this to  
explain

My dear mother takes her  
3 losses *exactly* as one  
could wish- both my  
father & Webb tell me -  
With my father I have  
been in almost daily  
correspondence about it

God bless you  
in greatest haste

Wellcome Ms 9003

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ever your affecte. &  
grateful  
F.N.

9004/161 1f, pencil, signed letter bundle 149

Dec 7/70

My dearest Emily

In these dreadful days, few things,  
(honour bright) could have given  
me such pleasure as your going  
back to the Stores -

I think it will lead to the  
other work. At all events, it is  
the likeliest way to it. And it is good  
in itself -

I send you Mrs. Cox's & Capt G.'s\_  
*Please return -*

& I will send you a nice note  
of Col: L.L.'s assuring that the Stores  
are gone from Boulogne *into* Amiens \_  
(by Capt. Knollys-) & enclosing a note from Sir V. Eyre\_  
ever yours

F.N

9004/162 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Dec 9/70

My dearest Emily

I was glad to read the letters from  
Mrs. Inglefield, which Mrs. Nassau  
Senior & you were so good as to send  
me last night \_

I posted them last night \_  
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All that I have learnt entirely confirms  
Mrs. Inglefield's view both of the  
Johanniters & of the German Hospitals  
before Paris \_

I believe too much can hardly be said  
*against either.*

With regard to 'Rumpf,' as she calls her  
we have learnt nothing but what we  
knew before - viz.

1. all Miss Rumpff's accounts of the  
horrors of the Hospitals are confirmed

2. all Miss R.'s accounts of the ineptitude of the Johanniter are confirmed

3\_ we saw the letter in "Times" of Nov 17 signed "C.R." truckling to & praising the Johanniter \_ (which I had no doubt was Miss R's own) -

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I have not one word to say in defence= of Miss Rumpff\_ Indeed I said all that was necessary (to the persons whom it concerned) against her at the time of the appearance of that letter in the "Times" \_

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But I would submit that, as we want to help the Hospitals before Paris \_ not thro' the Johanniter \_

& as we have reason to believe that all "Rumpff's" accounts of *these* are actually *within* the truth, it would be a thing to be deprecated to shew those letters about among GENTLEMEN of the Committee, throwing doubt on "Rumpff's" sincerity. -(absolutely accurate as I believe those letters to be.)

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It may be however impertinent of me to say this-

Though, if you like it, you are at liberty to say this from me to Mrs. Nassau Senior with my truly respectful thanks to & admiration of her \_

2. It is rather hard to call "Rumpff" a "pet of Sir Harry's" \_ The Crown Princess

telegraphed to Sir Harry for "Rumpff," as being a woman "trained at St. Thomas', "& knowing German" \_ & herself sent her to Versailles.

The only other "petting" she has had is the £50 which Mrs. Inglefield herself approves . And "Rumpff" has never been accused of not spending on the Patients \_

I will write more another time \_  
I send this in the greatest haste  
to catch you before you start -  
ever yours

F. Nightingale

I send you & Mrs N. Senior one of the Crown Princess' letters of  
*gratitude* to the *English*\_ Please return it\_ I think of  
{continues along right margin:}  
sending it to Col: L.L.

9004/163 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

PRIVATE Dec 13/70

Dearest Emily

I am so glad you are come back to your  
work\_ worthy work -

I posted the Extracts from Mrs. Cox to  
Pss. Xtian & Dr de Mussy within an  
hour after I received them from you \_

I now send you a note from Col: L. L\_  
& its enclosure from Sir V. Eyre - both  
of which please return to me \_

I do this, because I think that no movement  
ought to be made without the Chairman's  
(Col: L.L.'s) knowledge to send Agents  
abroad *to any particular place* - tho'  
generally to recruit Agents is most  
desirable \_

I mean that the Sartoris' *may* be more  
wanted elsewhere in France than in Amiens

And it *might* be difficult to make  
their work fit in with that of Col. &  
Mrs Cox at Amiens, now the Cox's  
are established there, where the  
Sartoris's were, I believe, before -

This, I am sure, you feel with me \_  
ever, dearest, yours  
in haste  
F.N

9004/164 1f, pencil, initialled note bundle 149

= Dec. 13.70 [not FN]

I am *so very* glad that Emily resumes  
work at 2 St. M's Place \_  
a saving work to her, both body & mind,  
is this which God has offered to her \_  
I know it is slack now\_ but hope it  
will not be left hastily\_ as it may give  
rise to other work in the same Office  
for her\_ FN

9004/165 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

35 South Street, Dec 14/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I return you Miss Rumpff's  
letters to you with many thanks  
[I ought to have done so before]\_  
Mrs. Wardroper returned them  
to me this morning.

2\_ She also sent me the  
enclosed from Miss Rumpff to her  
- do not trouble to read it  
more than you like \_ I only send  
it because it conveys some  
account of her expenditure of  
the £50 you so kindly sent  
her\_ [I do not think the Socy. called  
upon to do anything more for her.]

Please *return this* letter to me \_  
ever yours F.N.

9004/166 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

*Private* {on diagonal}  
35 South Street, Dec 14/70  
Park Lane, {printed address}  
W. 1

Dearest Emily

You said you were anxious to  
hear again from Mrs. Cox \_  
I send you a letter this \_  
moment received - You can  
show it to any one you please.

If you show it to Col: & Mrs.  
L.L., please thank him for  
his note (& enclosure (of last  
night) very much -

but, if you judge it better not,  
~~please~~ then I will send Mrs. Cox  
myself to Col: L.L., when you  
return it to me \_

I also send a note from Capt. G.  
You see he is out of town \_  
ever yours F.N.

9004/167 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

35 South Street, Dec 15/70  
 Park Lane, {printed address}  
 W.

Dearest Emily

I give you joy - the good  
 old word! I give you  
 all joy \_ & more especially  
 the dear Saint Margaret \_\_\_  
 And I thank God \_ that the  
 "Growler" is "ordered to the  
 Mediterranean" - And I  
 thank you for telling me\_  
 It is the only good news I have  
 heard ever dearest yours  
 in these F.N.  
 dreadful  
 days\_

9004/168 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Dec. 15. 70 [arch]

My very dearest Emily

I am sure that you will judge best for  
 yourself (about the matter of 2 St. M.'s Pl.)  
 I am sure that I shall think what you  
 decide the best \_ because I can know so  
 very much less than you of what is passing.  
 But I shall be truly sorry if, when there  
 is higher work to do, it is not you who  
 do it.

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I send back Mrs. Coles' letter \_ a truly  
 beautiful letter \_ (which I ought to have  
 done before) I saw poor Sidney  
 Herbert's widow on Saturday - She has  
 death in her face - Reginald Herbert  
 (my boy, as they always called him)  
 who was lost in the "Captain"- was a boy  
 who might have done any thing great & noble & wise.

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I send you a copy of Lt. Swaine's letter,  
sent me by Col. L.L. Doubtless you  
have seen it already \_  
It is full of invaluable hints to me.  
Please return it to me.

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Please say to Mrs. Nassau Senior that  
I most thankfully accept the privilege  
she allows me of writing to her about  
anything I may trouble her to tell me \_  
Tho' I have not the honour of knowing her  
I have heard so much of her \_  
ever, dearest, yours  
F.N.

Dec 15/70

9004/169 2ff, incomplete?, pen with some pencil, signed letter bundle  
149

The Army of the Loire, fighting 7 [15:752]  
days out of 9, hungry, half naked  
& barefoot, yet unsubdued, is worthy  
of Henry V & Agincourt.  
And all for what? \_  
To save Alsace & Lorraine, of whom  
Paris scarcely wots.

"Our Society" has now 17 Depots (for  
help) on the Loire where we  
had but 5 before \_  
If the Wounded are not removed  
off the field by night fall, they  
are found frozen to death in  
the morning. The Loire runs blood & ice\_ [end]  
Flo

Dec 21/70

I protest against this disparaging  
criticism I am ordered to send on to you  
If the conduct of the French *for the last*  
*3 months* had been shewn by any other  
nation, it would have been called,  
*as it is*, not childish but sublime.  
The uncomplaining & heroic endurance,  
the "sad & severe self=restraint" of  
Paris, under a more than 100 days' siege,  
would have rendered immortal

Wellcome Ms 9003

963

the ancient Romans.

The

9004/170 2ff, pen and pencil, signed letter

35 South Street, Dec 28/70 [15:754]  
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Emily

I send, to you *first*, this  
letter, most curious & painful,  
from Mrs. Cox \_ just received.

Perhaps you or Sir Harry  
will do what she asks  
about the Prussians' news=  
papers & the Bernstorffs \_

Please return me  
Mrs. Cox's letter as soon as  
possible \_

[What a state of confusion  
& terror when an English  
Officer has to take the  
command, as it were,  
between French & German!]

If you like to shew Mrs. Cox's  
letter to your friend, Mrs \_  
Nassau Senior, before it  
returns, to me, you are welcome  
\_it reveals so much \_

I continue to have or to see  
all sorts of horrible letters \_  
I must say though, for my  
part, that I think the palm  
of endurance & even of order & feeling  
rests now on the French side.

The time will come when we  
shall see the heroic element\_

\_ not childish but sublime\_  
of the French defence \_  
especially of the Paris defence  
Without Government, without  
organization, without help,  
with scarcely a great man,  
almost without hope -  
without success, without victory  
- & entirely without the usual tribunals  
terrors, Guillotines, to enforce order.  
Coups d'Etat," which usually

accompany Revolution, Paris  
holds on, how unlike her  
former self \_ how like an  
ancient Roman\_ with her "sad

"& severe self-restraint"

As for the French Army of the Loire, barefoot, cold & hungry' it beats Henry V's Army for endurance -

As for the Germans, they have become so degenerate from success that I have no word to say- I hear (from *Germans*) that the Johanniters are disgracing themselves with luxury, inefficiency, want of Christian charity = useless, pernicious. lumber!

I am distressed about the De Granceys - Which is it who has fallen? ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

9004/171 2ff, pen, signed letter

[1:809-10]

{printed address}

35 South Street, Dec 23/70  
Park Lane,  
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I trouble you with the enclosed letter from the excellent Mr. Stephen Hawtrey & its enclosure from the young man Truelove - because your name is mentioned in it - And you might possibly be able & willing to help him to what he wants.

I thoroughly believe every word it says -

Mrs. Truelove, the mother,

is the daughter of a Dissenting Minister & the wife of a small Publisher & Stationer in Holborn - a most curious but high-minded man, a Positivist. I have known them for years, & always had them

to see me at Hampstead.  
The mother has a sort of  
genius. And Mrs. Congreve  
gives her lessons in French  
&c. She is one of the most  
interesting women I ever knew.

She insisted on sending her son (the one who writes) ~~whose Christian name is~~ to Mr. Hawtrey's School of St. Mark's - Mr. Hawtrey recommended him to Murray, the Publisher, who thinks very highly of him.

As for his leaving Murray\_ with the largest literary connection in England \_ for me to get him some "Secretary" situation, it is much as if Robert Robinson were to leave Ld. Kinnaird to ask Von der Tann, the

Bavarian General, to give him a farm in the Beauce  
[Please return me the enclosed letter\_] Dec 23, 1870

May the best Christmas blessings be yours \_ But how hard it is to hear the message of "peace & good will to man" now !

I am told that nothing at Sedan or ~~at~~ before Metz was to compare with the sufferings *now on both sides* of the Armies of the Loire & their Sick & Wounded

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9004/172 2ff, pen, initialled letter black-edged paper bundle 149

{printed address}

35 South Street, Dec 24/70

Park Lane, Christmas Eve [15:753]

W.

Dearest Emily

I opened the enclosed from Mrs. Cox, because of a desire which you expressed before \_ & also because I thought she might be wanting something in great haste\_ & to-day was

Saturday.

I fear I can only pass on to you what she desires about her Prussian prisoner\_ And even he hardly gives her the information most necessary for you to serve him. I suppose the danger is so great for Mrs. Cox to become as it were an intermediary between the Prussian prisoners in France & their homes\_ & if it were found out all her

usefulness would be so entirely  
destroyed that they are  
really afraid to give exact  
'renseignemens.'

Any how, I enclose you the letter  
exactly as it reached me.

Have you heard of the brutal  
refusal of the Johanniter at  
Versailles to further any  
communication with *their* sick  
French Officer Prisoners?

[end]

I return to Sir Harry, according  
to his desire, a note to him  
from Sir V. Eyre - reserving  
its enclosures to return them  
to Mrs. Cox, also according  
to his desire.

ever yours

F.N.

Sad Christmas greetings I  
send you. I wish this  
bloody & wicked Old Year  
were as near its close in  
its terrible consequences  
as it is in its days & hours!  
But it needs no prophet to see  
that, as German Unity has been  
established in defiance of all

[15:753]

liberty, all progress & all peace,  
so it must trample under  
foot the fruits of all liberty,  
all progress & all peace  
for generations & years  
unknown to come!

And so too late are all  
wise Germans beginning to see.

[end 15:753]