

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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30 Old Burlington St.

Thursday.

[15:370]

My dear Sir

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

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

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

of the Operative Surgery course.

[end]

Believe me

yours very faithfully

F. Nightingale

Please return me Dr. Sutherland's letter -

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Wellcome 5471/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-dged paper} 57543

30 Old Burlington St.

W Oct 27/58

My dear Sir

Remembering how

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much you have done
& how much you
may still do for
the Army, I cannot
but send you a
copy of my Report
to the War Office -

It is *really*
"Confidential" & in
no sense public
property - And I

am sure you will
keep it so,. & not
do, as so many
people do, who,
finding some one
else knows a secret
they know, immediately
conclude it is no
secret & ~~make~~ make
it public -

You will see
much of your own
work in a part
not strictly under
my Instructions at

all - viz. the part
about a Medical
School for the Army.

We have never
let that drop & hope
still to bring it
about - In fact, it is
at this moment
"under consideration"
by the Govt=. Heaven
knows how long that
will be!

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 15:370]

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Dr Aitken

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Wellcome 5471/3/ unsigned letter, 5ff, pen 67554

30 Old Burlington St
W June 8/59

[16:533]

My dear Sir

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

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

between the windows.

In the plan, the
Patients cannot read
in bed, without straining
their eyes (and Scotch
patients read much
more than English ones)
If the windows are
along both sides the ward,
~~opposite the foot of
the beds,~~ as they
ought to be, the
light is then always just
opposite the Patient's
eyes - which, however

important light is to
recovery, is by no
means always desirable.

Again, the irritability
peculiar to many
diseases makes it
distressing to the
Patient to have
any noise behind
him which he
Cannot SEE - A Patient
dying or coughing
or who required much
fidgetting attendance

{'Patient' is overtop Patients}

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would make the
bed, back to back
with him, almost
uninhabitable - Noise
which a Patient
cannot see (!) always
partakes with him
of the characters of
suddenness & injures
him - This is,
believe me, the fruit
of long experience
with the sick.

Again, I think

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[2]

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

The Forms for the
eight heads mentioned
in the Note to P. 2
of my "Notes", are
under process of
preparation by ~~the~~
P Dr. Farr - And
we hope to try them
quietly at our
London Hospitals
& to propose them
at the next European
Statistical Congress,
which will take
place in London

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The heart= breaking
delays which have
taken place about
our Army Medl= School
are but too well
known to you - I have
however by no means
lost heart- At the
end of this week
we shall know how
Ministers stand
politically - And
whichever way it
goes, I think we
shall carry the School.

[15:371]

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

[end 15:371]

Will you allow me
to enclose a copy of
the "Notes" for your
friends, Dr. McGhie;
there is a misprint
at P. 30 , which I

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have corrected in
this copy - Please
to look at it.

I enclose for your
own private eyes
a little Pamphlet
I wrote on Nursing,
(which is really
"confidential,") -- perhaps
the article *Noise*
will illustrate what
I have said about
Patients -

[end]

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Wellcome 5471/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67358

Montagu Grove
Hampstead NW
Sept 21/59

[16:522]

My dear Sir

I have to thank you
very much for a copy
of Dr. Lyon's Report on
the Yellow Fever of Lisbon.

It seems to me very
well done - But I had
wished the Govt= to
send out an Engineer
to that unfortunate city.
Now, all Dr. Lyons has

told us is (not how it
can be prevented but)
what it has done,
which he has told
very well -

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

[end]

[16:361]

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

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

The buildings (temporary)
are actually begun
at Chatham - And
we sent the proof of
the Scheme to press
last week. Mr. Herbert
is really engaged in
it. And I do not
despair, though I

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dare say you do, of
seeing it actually
~~begin~~ on foot next
January - & the Professors
appointed very soon -
sincerely

[end 16:361] Yours

F. Nightingale

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

F.N.

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30 Old Burlington St.

London W

Oct 21/59

My dear Sir

The only thing of importance
to tell you is that Mr.
Herbert told me last
Sunday that he meant
to speak to you this
week about the Army
Medical School - If
you have not heard ~~of~~
from him, it is because
they have been having

Cabinets nearly every
day this week: and
today Mr. Herbert
is gone to Hythe on
an Inspection Tour
till Sunday.

I informed Sir
Jas: Clark of Mr.
Herbert's intention.
And you may have
heard from Sir Jas:

I do not at all
recommend that

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your Berlin visit be
put off. I only think
you ought to be informed
of what is going on -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Monday

My dear Sir

Mr. Herbert was
speaking frankly to me
about the Medical
School last night -
so I asked him frankly
about the deferring
of your journey to
Berlin. He said that
he was obliged to
leave London to= night* {'night' overtop day}
& should not be
*he only came back to London
yesterday morning

back here till this
day week -- that it
would answer all
purposes equally
well for him to see
you when you
returned - & he
thought it would
be a needless delay
for you to put off
your journey in order
to see him - He said he
was so busy today that he could do
nothing but the current business -

I consider the
whole thing as quite

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safe now. Mr. Herbert
is pledged to it - And
the Ministers are in
no danger of being
turned out for
many months -

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St
W. July 2/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376]

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

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

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

3. he does not
think it probable
that the School
will be removed

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from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects

wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -

I imagine you
will be able to

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

Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg}
fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -

[end]

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II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.

I think your suggestions very good- But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt -- the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases

are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

I know nothing

about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better.

The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

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

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{vert in left marg:}

We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.

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Wellcome 5471/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St W
July 12/60

My dear Sir

I only write this

[15:376]

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

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

Your fitments,
your repairs are

progressing.

Mr. Herbert has
taken a note about
enlarging the
Museum ~~this ye~~
next year - In the mean time, you
are to receive a proposition
about a Casemate. With regard to
the most important
thing, the procuring
you assistance,
which every one
will perceive to
be necessary, what

I believe will be
advised will be
for you to make
the application
through the Senate.

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

[end]

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St

W July 13/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376-77]

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

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

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

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

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

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be the fit person.

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

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

This would have

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

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through

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

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

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

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

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

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I will press ~~the~~ immediately

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~~illeg illeg~~

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

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Private

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

He consented &
made a note of it.

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

I told him that
he would receive
formal applications

from the Senate
for these two
things - in time.

F.N.

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

[end 15:377]

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Wellcome 5471/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

W July 18/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:379]

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

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

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

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

Would you not
2. propose that the

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sanction of the S. of S.
for War be obtained
for a skilled
workman to do the
Modelling, putting
up preparations &c
at a salary of ---
& that, until the
necessary forms are
gone through, sanction
for a two months'
employment of such
a workman be
obtained.

[end 15:379]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St
W. Aug 5/60

My dear Sir

I had the
opportunity of
speaking to (or
rather "poking")
Mr. Herbert to day
about the points
of your letter -

[15:380-81]

He wrote on the
spot about the

Instruments &
fittings- and 2.
the Estimate for
the casemate
fittings shall be
passed immediately.

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

I shall see
Capt. Galton tomorrow

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& will also give
him a "poke" -

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

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

[end 15:381]

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

Wellcome 5471/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

W Aug 17/60

My dear Sir

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

"There! at last!!

S.H."

and enclosing one

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

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

[end]

Capt. Galton is
absent in the
Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/13/1-3 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen 67357

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30 Old Burlington St
W Aug 28/60

My dear sir

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

[15:381-82]

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

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will be ready by
October 1 -

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

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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if he discouraged
you, - do not mind].

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

People talk of
my "terrible &

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

[end 15:382]

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{envelope}

W. Aitken Esq MD

36 Manchester St

Manchester Sq.

Wellcome 5471/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

Sept 3/60

My dear Sir

I hope that by this time
you have your authority for the
Instrument money.

I have made another
poke at the W.O.

It is too much - This
story of the School is the very
type & climax of the working
of the whole Office. It is well
it has happened - For I do
believe this & other glaring
instances will bring about
a change -

The first impression

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

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

Please keep me informed.

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

[16:545]

for Mr. Couper, who will take
My proxy.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W Sept 12/60

[16:545]

My dear Sir

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

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

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

I hope that
you have had no
farther hitch
And believe me

[end]

very truly yours
Florence Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St

W Sept 28/60

[15:382]

My dear Sir

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

I only opened
it last night -
For I had been

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unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}

Your letter about
the Students shews
the necessity of some
communication from
Mr. Herbert to the
D.G. about the
School. But at
the same time I believe
that the ten students
were taken into the
Service under the idea
that they would very
probably not pass
through the School.
It was, I believe,
considered that the
Service required them
before they could pass

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the usual routine.
I agree with you
however that it
would be a good
opportunity if Mr.
Herbert would
either refuse his
sanction to their
entering without
passing the School
course - or if Dr.
Gibson made a
good case for the
exception, he should
be made to under-
stand that it
must not happen
again. *Flightiness.*

[end]

Wellcome 5471/17 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[16:534]

30 Burlington St
W Feb 1/61

My dear Sir

The Glasgow Medl- Journal
was sent me.

Dr. McGhie's article
betrays either wilful
misrepresentation- or
helpless hopeless ignorance
of his own subject.
It is impossible to
answer.

Many of his
principal facts are
wrong. I would instance

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those about the
Lariboisière Hospital.

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

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

all its air reaches it
over burial-ground.

Now the mistake
has been tripled.

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

[end]

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

I trust that the

Examinations will
work well now -

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

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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5471/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67359

30 Old Burlington St.
W March 8/61

PRIVATE

My dear Sir

I hope that the
present difficulty
has been got over -

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

[15:385]

Also, the School

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

much into detail.

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

agent, the D.G.

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

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/19 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67361

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

My dear Sir

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

[15:316-17]

I am very much disappointed to have no special answer about "orders having been given for increased accommodation". Mr. Hardy certainly did give such orders:

Wellcome Ms 5481

I am afraid it is no use pressing about having *Monthly* Senate= Meetings: or about Assistants' pay= arrangements:

TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry: -I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.

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

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

We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry:

In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out

about the "orders for increased accomodn=".

I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in *seeing* the D.G.]

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

[end 15:517]

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely
Dr. Aitken Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Wellcome 5472 initialled letter, 1f, pen

{arch:} [1847-48]

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

ever your grateful child

F.N.

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

Dear Sir

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

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

Yours VERY gratefully for all your
kindness to us. Florence Nightingale
Sunday -

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5472/3 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

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

A. Mons.

Monsieur Colyar

Wellcome 5472/4 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

[7:283]

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

ever My dear Sir

yours most gratefully F.N.

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

H Colyar Esq

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5472/5 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

when I reach England -

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

Monday

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

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

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

Florence Nightingale

[7:285]

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

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

Dear Sir

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{on back of letter, folded like an envelope:}
H. Colyar Esq

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

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

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

The Herberts send us terrible
Sicilian news - the people took

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

a counter revolution, and
luckily "got killed" in the
Scuffle. An Austrian vessel
came into port - but the
authorities sent to implore
them not to land - as they
could not protect them from
the people - who in the night

Wellcome Ms 5481

broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate_ but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa. I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder. Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.

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

{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}

Hy Colyar Esq

{at bottom:}

said before that beautiful passage

{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}

~~Redemp~~ {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq

{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale

Notes &

Letters.-

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5473, correspondence with Dr De'Ath, 20 pages

Wellcome Ms 5473/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Jan 4/91

[6:585]

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

My dear Sir

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

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

Does he *live* at Warwick now?

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

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

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

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

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{printed up at an angle:}

Telegraph, 2/1/92

Steeple Claydon. Bucks

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

Thank you very much,
my dear Sir, for your
two notes & Dr. Wilson's
most encouraging one
which I will return -
I am afraid you are not
able to see him ~~sa~~ to-day
or "Monday" - Perhaps you
have sent him a Syllabus -
I wish he had ordered to it.

Thank you too for the
charming little book -

The {overtop A} highest blessings of

the New Year to you

& yours -

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

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

{vert. on page}

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

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil [6:591]

Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

My dear Sir

I hope your 2nd Lecture
was usefully brilliant & successful
And I know it was.

The Anatomical Models
we use for our Probationer-Nurses
at St. Thomas' were procured
for us from Leipzig by one
of our Medical Staff - {'our' overtop the}

The Card enclosed contains
the address of the man at
Leipzig from whom the
Models were obtained.

The Medical Officer
thinks that, if you would
write to Franz Josef Steger

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Park Lane W

tomorrow

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

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

F.N.

Wellcome 5473/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[6:591-92]

May 20/92

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

My dear Sir

Most heartily do I give you
joy on the success of your
"Health at Home" Education
Mission - the enthusiastic
attendance on your Lectures
of rural educated women
from all over the County
allowed to attend for their
own profit - your sifting
& re-sifting till you obtained
a Class of 12, who appeared
willing & able to become
instructresses or missioners
of Health to the uneducated
rural women at their own
homes - the object of the
whole course being the new one

Wellcome Ms 5481

not simply to give Sanitary
information but to
teach how to teach

-- the examination by an
independent well-known
Sanitary authority -- both
in writing & by word of mouth
(to test their power of speaking
to the uneducated) And six
of them passing the Examn=
with the utmost success -
three indeed about what had
been expected -

the main object of the Examn
being to see not only if their
book knowledge or theory
were competent but if they
could give in the most
practical & plainest, in

the most lively & dramatic
manner their knowledge
to uneducated women in
their own houses - translate
in fact the object=lessons they
had received from your skill
& kindness in the worst
houses of the worst villages
= into the cottage life with
their own hands & tongue _

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

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

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD -

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

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

My dear Sir

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

A Miss Deane, of Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the Ladies' Committee for Technical Education in West Sussex under the County Council, has written to me to know if her

Wellcome Ms 5481

Committee can have
one of the "teachers trained
"in Bucks as Nursing Cottage
"Lecturers" "for 6 months
"to commence on Oct. 1"
"And what salary" they
"will have to give".

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

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

& that Bucks would be

glad" if the Sussex plan
"Comes off for another".

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

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

Success to the Cottagers

Pray believe me

yours sincerely

Dr. De'Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil

[6:592]

10/10/92

My dear Sir

I will if you will allow me return
your Draft "Missioner's Diary" by post
to-day with any suggestions -

God bless your work

yrs

Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/8 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon 11/11/92

My dear Sir

We shall be very
glad to see you on
"Tuesday afternoon", as
you kindly propose -
[And I will stay till
Wednesday on purpose
to see you on Tuesday]

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

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

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

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your
Cholera pamphlet -
Please send me your
account for printing

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{up at an angle:}

I hope

your books

have arrived New Year's Eve of
1892

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

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

"he did this told him
"that the women, while
"fully understanding
"what was taught, would
"not alter their ways. The
"ladies did their best,
"& distributed large
"printed sheets, but
" 'poor people couldn't
" 'take so much trouble' "

Dr. Ord wishes us
"better success".

I think it is clear
why he had none -

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

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

It is notorious that you
may legislate for ever to
Hindoos, District Officials
conscientiously believe all
the legislation obeyed -

Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to
know Pridgin Teale's book,
but, as you have it, ? , that
does not matter - With every

best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De'Ath

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Private {up at an angle} Sept 26/94 [6:604-05]

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

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

An Assocn- generally
does not succeed, unless
it is worked from a
centre (by one person like

yourself - but who can
give his or her whole
time & experience --)
to the circumference -

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

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

Some Associations are,

(between ourselves,) such
humbugs -

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

I wish every possible
success to your scheme,
I need hardly say - & hope

But every District
will not have a M.O. of
Health like yourself.

Very, very few people

Wellcome Ms 5481

understand any thing
about it further
than country Lectures
by trained Hospital
Nurses!!

ever yours sincerely -
F. Nightingale

I don't think any
"discussion" "by a
"Meeting" of any use,
unless there is a knot
of people of experience
& conviction to lead & "lecture" *them*
G.H. De'Ath Esq M.D.} F.N.

[end]

Wellcome 5473/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

[6:605]

Oct 1/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

But I am sincerely
anxious to hear what
you really propose - &
to give any help I can, if

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

II

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

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

Kindly tell me what you
would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
from whom we might
ultimately recruit "Health
"Missioners" -

I know of none no ~~work~~ "Manuals" these
gentlemen's "works," too
heavy - the ladies' too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to "criticize" "and
"recommend" is

2 from America
1 " India
1 " Home

G.H. De'Ath Esq MD F.N.

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

Nov 26/94

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -

(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)

& give me the
pleasure of seeing you

yours sincerely

Dr. De'Ath

F. Nightingale

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

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}

G.H. De'Ath Esq

25/11/94

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/13/1-2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 15/94 [6:606]

My dear Sir

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

1. In Miss Deyns' two Hand bills it is only put "Nursing": *not Sick Nursing*.

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

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

2 After all it is not the *name* but the substance of the thing that signifies And no doubt you have told these ladies *what* they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what *not*.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from "January to June" before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing

your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished { 'wished' overtop illeg} included of Nursing -

Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -

Wellcome 5473/13/2

[2]

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

yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

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

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

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to **[13:857-58]**
know that you were not
the worse for your kind
visit here last week.

Also; whether your
"Test" is completed - *that*
would make a sort of
Revolution -

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

to become a sort of quack.

We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, I f necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the

Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

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

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

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

We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a *Lent* abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely

Wellcome Ms 5481

Dr. De'Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/16 black-edged postmarked envelope

Immediate

{postmarked:} WINSLOW

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MR 9
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Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

MD

Buckingham

9/3/95

Wellcome 5473/15/2 {black-edged envelope}

{postmarked:} WINSLOW

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FE 26
95

Geo: H De'Ath Esq MD.

Buckingham

26/2/95

Wellcome 5473/17/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil
{black-edged paper}

Oct 9/95

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

My dear Sir

Thank you for
your note -

I could see you
on Monday next
at 5.30 p.m, as you
kindly wish - But
unless you are going
to stay the night
in London, that
will be an inconvenient
hour for you - I could

make it 4 o'clock
if I knew - but I
am afraid not
earlier - I do not
know what your
trains to Buckingham
are =

Wellcome Ms 5481

I think your *milk* =
=test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

Wellcome 5473/17/2, black-edged envelope

Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

MD

Buckingham

{back of envelope postmarked BUCKINGHAM A OC 10 95}

Wellcome 5473/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you for your
note of Saturday -

I could gladly see
you on "June 9 ninth", 5.30 p.m., {'9' overtop illeg}
if that suits you - But
if it does not, I could,
if I knew directly (you
say you wish to settle
your plans) appoint
some other afternoon
that does suit you -

You kindly ask after

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

I hope you make
holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq

M.D

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

30 Old Burlington St.
Thursday.

[15:370]

My dear Sir

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

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

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

of the Operative Surgery
course.

[end]

Believe me
yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale
Please return me Dr.
Sutherland's letter -

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} 57543

30 Old Burlington St.

W Oct 27/58

My dear Sir

Remembering how

[15:379-80]

much you have done
& how much you
may still do for
the Army, I cannot
but send you a
copy of my Report
to the War Office -

It is *really*
"Confidential" & in
no sense public
property - And I

am sure you will
keep it so, & not
do, as so many
people do, who,
finding some one
else knows a secret
they know, immediately
conclude it is no
secret & ~~make~~ make
it public -

You will see
much of your own
work in a part
not strictly under
my Instructions at

all - viz. the part
about a Medical
School for the Army.

We have never
let that drop & hope
still to bring it
about - In fact, it is
at this moment
"under consideration"
by the Govt=. Heaven
knows how long that
will be!

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 15:370]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Dr Aitken

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/3/ unsigned letter, 5ff, pen 67554

30 Old Burlington St

[16:533]

W June 8/59

My dear Sir

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

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

between the windows.

In the plan, the
Patients cannot read
in bed, without straining
their eyes (and Scotch
patients read much
more than English ones)
If the windows are
along both sides the ward,
~~opposite the foot of~~
~~the beds,~~ as they
ought to be, the
light is then always just
opposite the Patient's
eyes - which, however

important light is to
recovery, is by no
means always desirable.

Again, the irritability
peculiar to many
diseases makes it
distressing to the
Patient to have
any noise behind
him which he
Cannot SEE - A Patient
dying or coughing
or who required much
fidgetting attendance

{'Patient' is overtop Patients}

Wellcome Ms 5481

would make the
bed, back to back
with him, almost
uninhabitable - Noise
which a Patient
cannot see (!) always
partakes with him
of the characters of
suddenness & injures
him - This is,
believe me, the fruit
of long experience
with the sick.

Again, I think

5471/3/2 67354

[2]

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

The Forms for the
eight heads mentioned
in the Note to P. 2
of my "Notes", are
under process of
preparation by ~~the~~
P Dr. Farr - And
we hope to try them
quietly at our
London Hospitals
& to propose them
at the next European
Statistical Congress,
which will take
place in London

Wellcome Ms 5481

The heart= breaking
delays which have
taken place about
our Army Medl= School
are but too well
known to you - I have
however by no means
lost heart- At the
end of this week
we shall know how
Ministers stand
politically - And
whichever way it
goes, I think we
shall carry the School.

[15:371]

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

[end 15:371]

Will you allow me
to enclose a copy of
the "Notes" for your
friends, Dr. McGhie;
there is a misprint
at P. 30 , which I

5671/3/3
have corrected in
this copy - Please
to look at it.

I enclose for your
own private eyes
a little Pamphlet
I wrote on Nursing,
(which is really
"confidential,") -- perhaps
the article *Noise*
will illustrate what
I have said about
Patients -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67358

Montagu Grove
Hampstead NW
Sept 21/59

[16:522]

My dear Sir

I have to thank you
very much for a copy
of Dr. Lyon's Report on
the Yellow Fever of Lisbon.

It seems to me very
well done - But I had
wished the Govt= to
send out an Engineer
to that unfortunate city.
Now, all Dr. Lyons has

told us is (not how it
can be prevented but)
what it has done,
which he has told
very well -

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

[end]

[16:361]

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

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

The buildings (temporary)
are actually begun
at Chatham - And
we sent the proof of
the Scheme to press
last week. Mr. Herbert
is really engaged in
it. And I do not
despair, though I

Wellcome Ms 5481

dare say you do, of
seeing it actually
~~begin~~ on foot next
January - & the Professors
appointed very soon -

[end 16:361]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

F.N.

Wellcome 5471/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St.
London W
Oct 21/59

My dear Sir

The only thing of importance
to tell you is that Mr.
Herbert told me last
Sunday that he meant
to speak to you this
week about the Army
Medical School - If
you have not heard ~~of~~
from him, it is because
they have been having

Cabinets nearly every
day this week: and
today Mr. Herbert
is gone to Hythe on
an Inspection Tour
till Sunday.

I informed Sir
Jas: Clark of Mr.
Herbert's intention.
And you may have
heard from Sir Jas:

I do not at all
recommend that

Wellcome Ms 5481

your Berlin visit be
put off. I only think
you ought to be informed
of what is going on -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Monday

My dear Sir

Mr. Herbert was
speaking frankly to me
about the Medical
School last night -
so I asked him frankly
about the deferring
of your journey to
Berlin. He said that
he was obliged to
leave London to= night* {'night' overtop day}
& should not be
*he only came back to London
yesterday morning

back here till this
day week -- that it
would answer all
purposes equally
well for him to see
you when you
returned - & he
thought it would
be a needless delay
for you to put off
your journey in order
to see him - He said he
was so busy today that he could do
nothing but the current business -

I consider the
whole thing as quite

Wellcome Ms 5481

safe now. Mr. Herbert
is pledged to it - And
the Ministers are in
no danger of being
turned out for
many months -

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St
W. July 2/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376]

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

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

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

3. he does not
think it probable
that the School
will be removed

Wellcome Ms 5481

from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects

wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -

I imagine you
will be able to

5471/7/2
pack the things not
needed for the
School into small
compass, & to keep
out those which
are needed.

Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg}
fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.

I think your suggestions very good- But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt -- the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases

are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

I know nothing

about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better.

The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

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

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale
{vert in left marg:}

We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St W
July 12/60

My dear Sir

I only write this

[15:376]

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

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

Your fitments,
your repairs are

progressing.

Mr. Herbert has
taken a note about
enlarging the
Museum ~~this ye~~
next year - In the mean time, you
are to receive a proposition
about a Casemate. With regard to
the most important
thing, the procuring
you assistance,
which every one
will perceive to
be necessary, what

I believe will be
advised will be
for you to make
the application
through the Senate.

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

[end]

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

30 Old Burlington St

W July 13/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376-77]

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

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

be the fit person.

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

5471/9/2

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

This would have

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

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

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

5471/9/3

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

I will press ~~the~~ immediately

Wellcome Ms 5481

~~illeg illeg~~

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

5471/9/4

Private

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

He consented &
made a note of it.

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

I told him that
he would receive
formal applications

from the Senate
for these two
things - in time.

F.N.

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

[end 15:377]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5471/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

W July 18/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:379]

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

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

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

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

Would you not
2. propose that the

Wellcome Ms 5481

sanction of the S. of S.
for War be obtained
for a skilled
workman to do the
Modelling, putting
up preparations &c
at a salary of ---
& that, until the
necessary forms are
gone through, sanction
for a two months'
employment of such
a workman be
obtained.

[end 15:379]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St
W. Aug 5/60

My dear Sir

I had the
opportunity of
speaking to (or
rather "poking")
Mr. Herbert to day
about the points
of your letter -

[15:380-81]

He wrote on the
spot about the

Instruments &
fittings- and 2.
the Estimate for
the casemate
fittings shall be
passed immediately.

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

I shall see
Capt. Galton tomorrow

Wellcome Ms 5481

& will also give
him a "poke" -

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

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

[end 15:381]

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

Wellcome 5471/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

W Aug 17/60

My dear Sir

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

"There! at last!!

S.H."

and enclosing one

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

[end]

Capt. Galton is
absent in the
Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/13/1-3 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen 67357

5471/13/1

30 Old Burlington St
W Aug 28/60

My dear sir

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

[15:381-82]

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

will be ready by
October 1 -

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

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.

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

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

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

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

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

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

People talk of
my "terrible &

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

[end 15:382]

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

Wellcome 5471/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
Sept 3/60

My dear Sir

I hope that by this time
you have your authority for the
Instrument money.

I have made another
poke at the W.O.

It is too much - This
story of the School is the very
type & climax of the working
of the whole Office. It is well
it has happened - For I do
believe this & other glaring
instances will bring about
a change -

The first impression

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

Please keep me informed.

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

[16:545]

for Mr. Couper, who will take
My proxy.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W Sept 12/60
My dear Sir

[16:545]

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

I hope that
you have had no
farther hitch
And believe me

[end]

very truly yours
Florence Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St

W Sept 28/60

[15:382]

My dear Sir

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

I only opened
it last night -
For I had been

Wellcome Ms 5481

unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}

Your letter about
the Students shews
the necessity of some
communication from
Mr. Herbert to the
D.G. about the
School. But at
the same time I believe
that the ten students
were taken into the
Service under the idea
that they would very
probably not pass
through the School.
It was, I believe,
considered that the
Service required them
before they could pass

Wellcome Ms 5481

the usual routine.
I agree with you
however that it
would be a good
opportunity if Mr.
Herbert would
either refuse his
sanction to their
entering without
passing the School
course - or if Dr.
Gibson made a
good case for the
exception, he should
be made to under-
stand that it
must not happen
again. *Flightiness.*

[end]

Wellcome 5471/17 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[16:534]

30 Burlington St
W Feb 1/61

My dear Sir

The Glasgow Medl- Journal
was sent me.

Dr. McGhie's article
betrays either wilful
misrepresentation- or
helpless hopeless ignorance
of his own subject.
It is impossible to
answer.

Many of his
principal facts are
wrong. I would instance

Wellcome Ms 5481

those about the
Lariboisière Hospital.

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

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

all its air reaches it
over burial-ground.

Now the mistake
has been tripled.

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

[end]

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

I trust that the

Examinations will
work well now -

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

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5471/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67359

30 Old Burlington St.
W March 8/61

PRIVATE

My dear Sir

I hope that the
present difficulty
has been got over -

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

[15:385]

Also, the School

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

much into detail.

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

agent, the D.G.

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

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/19 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67361

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

My dear Sir

Mr. Hardy writes that he has not the least **[15:316-17]** intention of transferring the Chair of Hygiene from Netley: & that Dr. de Chaumont is appointed.

I am very much disappointed to have no special answer about "orders having been given for increased accommodation". Mr. Hardy certainly did give such orders:

Wellcome Ms 5481

I am afraid it is no use pressing about having *Monthly* Senate= Meetings: or about Assistants' pay= arrangements:

TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry: -I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.

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

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

We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry:

In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out

about the "orders for increased accomodn=".

I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in *seeing* the D.G.]

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

[end 15:517]

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely

Dr. Aitken

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Wellcome 5472 initialled letter, 1f, pen

{arch:} [1847-48]

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

ever your grateful child

F.N.

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

Dear Sir

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

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

Yours VERY gratefully for all your
kindness to us. Florence Nightingale

Sunday -

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5472/3 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

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

A. Mons.

Monsieur Colyar

Wellcome 5472/4 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

[7:283]

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

ever My dear Sir

yours most gratefully F.N.

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

H Colyar Esq

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5472/5 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

when I reach England -

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

Monday

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

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

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

[7:285]

Florence Nightingale

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

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

Dear Sir

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{on back of letter, folded like an envelope:}
H. Colyar Esq

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

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

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

The Herberts send us terrible
Sicilian news - the people took

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

a counter revolution, and
luckily "got killed" in the
Scuffle. An Austrian vessel
came into port - but the
authorities sent to implore
them not to land - as they
could not protect them from
the people - who in the night

Wellcome Ms 5481

broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate_ but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa. I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder. Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.

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

{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}

Hy Colyar Esq

{at bottom:}

said before that beautiful passage

{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}

~~Redemp~~ {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq

{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale

Notes &
Letters.-

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5473, correspondence with Dr De'Ath, 20 pages

Wellcome Ms 5473/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Jan 4/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

[6:585]

My dear Sir

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

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

Does he *live* at Warwick now?

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

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

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

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

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{printed up at an angle:}

Telegraph, 2/1/92

Steeple Claydon. Bucks

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

Thank you very much,
my dear Sir, for your
two notes & Dr. Wilson's
most encouraging one
which I will return -
I am afraid you are not
able to see him ~~sa~~ to-day
or "Monday" - Perhaps you
have sent him a Syllabus -
I wish he had ordered to it.

Thank you too for the
charming little book -

The {overtop A} highest blessings of

the New Year to you
& yours -

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

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

{vert. on page}

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

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil [6:591]

Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

My dear Sir

I hope your 2nd Lecture
was usefully brilliant & successful
And I know it was.

The Anatomical Models
we use for our Probationer-Nurses
at St. Thomas' were procured
for us from Leipzig by one
of our Medical Staff - {'our' ovetop the}

The Card enclosed contains
the address of the man at
Leipzig from whom the
Models were obtained.

The Medical Officer
thinks that, if you would
write to Franz Josef Steger

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Park Lane W

tomorrow

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

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

F.N.

Wellcome 5473/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[6:591-92]

May 20/92

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

My dear Sir

Most heartily do I give you
joy on the success of your
"Health at Home" Education
Mission - the enthusiastic
attendance on your Lectures
of rural educated women
from all over the County
allowed to attend for their
own profit - your sifting
& re-sifting till you obtained
a Class of 12, who appeared
willing & able to become
instructresses or missioners
of Health to the uneducated
rural women at their own
homes - the object of the
whole course being the new one

Wellcome Ms 5481

not simply to give Sanitary
information but to
teach how to teach

-- the examination by an
independent well-known
Sanitary authority -- both
in writing & by word of mouth
(to test their power of speaking
to the uneducated) And six
of them passing the Examn=
with the utmost success -
three indeed about what had
been expected -

the main object of the Examn
being to see not only if their
book knowledge or theory
were competent but if they
could give in the most
practical & plainest, in

the most lively & dramatic
manner their knowledge
to uneducated women in
their own houses - translate
in fact the object=lessons they
had received from your skill
& kindness in the worst
houses of the worst villages
= into the cottage life with
their own hands & tongue _

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

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

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD -

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

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

My dear Sir

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

A Miss Deane, of Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the Ladies' Committee for Technical Education in West Sussex under the County Council, has written to me to know if her

Wellcome Ms 5481

Committee can have
one of the "teachers trained
"in Bucks as Nursing Cottage
"Lecturers" "for 6 months
"to commence on Oct. 1"
"And what salary" they
"will have to give".

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

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

& that Bucks would be

glad" if the Sussex plan
"Comes off for another".

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

But I should be very
grateful if you could
tell me all you can
as to engagements & salary
Success to the Cottagers
Pray believe me
yours sincerely
Dr. De'Ath F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil

[6:592]

10/10/92

My dear Sir

I will if you will allow me return
your Draft "Missioner's Diary" by post
to-day with any suggestions -

God bless your work
yrs

Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/8 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon 11/11/92

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

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

God bless you

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your

Cholera pamphlet -

Please send me your

account for printing

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

{up at an angle:}

I hope

your books

have arrived New Year's Eve of
1892

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

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

"he did this told him
"that the women, while
"fully understanding
"what was taught, would
"not alter their ways. The
"ladies did their best,
"& distributed large
"printed sheets, but
" 'poor people couldn't
" 'take so much trouble' "

Dr. Ord wishes us
"better success".

I think it is clear
why he had none -

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

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

It is notorious that you
may legislate for ever to
Hindoos, District Officials
conscientiously believe all
the legislation obeyed -

Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to
know Pridgin Teale's book,
but, as you have it, ? , that
does not matter - With every

best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De'Ath

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Private {up at an angle} Sept 26/94 [6:604-05]

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

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

An Assocn- generally
does not succeed, unless
it is worked from a
centre (by one person like

yourself - but who can
give his or her whole
time & experience --)
to the circumference -

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

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

Some Associations are,

(between ourselves,) such
humbugs -

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

I wish every possible
success to your scheme,
I need hardly say - & hope

But every District
will not have a M.O. of
Health like yourself.

Very, very few people

Wellcome Ms 5481

understand any thing
about it further
than country Lectures
by trained Hospital
Nurses!!

ever yours sincerely -

F. Nightingale

I don't think any
"discussion" "by a
"Meeting" of any use,
unless there is a knot
of people of experience
& conviction to lead & "lecture" *them*
G.H. De'Ath Esq M.D.} F.N.

[end]

Wellcome 5473/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

[6:605]

Oct 1/94

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

My dear Sir

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

But I am sincerely
anxious to hear what
you really propose - &
to give any help I can, if

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

II

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Kindly tell me what you
would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
from whom we might
ultimately recruit "Health
"Missioners" -

I know of none no ~~work~~ "Manuals" these
gentlemen's "works," too
heavy - the ladies' too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to "criticize" "and
"recommend" is

2 from America
1 " India
1 " Home

G.H. De'Ath Esq MD F.N.

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

Nov 26/94

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

My dear Sir

I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -

(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)

& give me the
pleasure of seeing you
yours sincerely

Dr. De'Ath F. Nightingale

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

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}

G.H. De'Ath Esq

25/11/94

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/13/1-2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 15/94 [6:606]

My dear Sir

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

4. In Miss Deyns' two Hand bills it is only put "Nursing": *not Sick Nursing.*

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

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

2 After all it is not the *name* but the substance of the thing that signifies And no doubt you have told these ladies *what* they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what *not*.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from "January to June" before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing

your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished { 'wished' overtop illeg} included of Nursing -

Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -

Wellcome 5473/13/2

[2]

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

yours most faithfully

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5473/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

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

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

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to **[13:857-58]**
know that you were not
the worse for your kind
visit here last week.

Also; whether your
"Test" is completed - *that*
would make a sort of
Revolution -

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

to become a sort of quack.

We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, I f necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the

Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

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

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

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

We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a *Lent* abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely

Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale
Dr. De'Ath

Wellcome Ms 5481

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MR 9
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Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

MD

Buckingham

9/3/95

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{postmarked:} WINSLOW

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Geo: H De'Ath Esq MD.

Buckingham

26/2/95

Wellcome 5473/17/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil
{black-edged paper}

Oct 9/95

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

My dear Sir

Thank you for
your note -

I could see you
on Monday next
at 5.30 p.m, as you
kindly wish - But
unless you are going
to stay the night
in London, that
will be an inconvenient
hour for you - I could

make it 4 o'clock
if I knew - but I
am afraid not
earlier - I do not
know what your
trains to Buckingham
are =

Wellcome Ms 5481

I think your *milk* =
=test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

Wellcome 5473/17/2, black-edged envelope

Geo: H. De'Ath Esq
MD
Buckingham
{back of envelope postmarked BUCKINGHAM A OC 10 95}

Wellcome 5473/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you for your
note of Saturday -

I could gladly see
you on "June 9 ninth", 5.30 p.m., {'9' overtop illeg}
if that suits you - But
if it does not, I could,
if I knew directly (you
say you wish to settle
your plans) appoint
some other afternoon
that does suit you -

You kindly ask after

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

I hope you make
holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo. H. De'Ath Esq
M.D

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

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

Gt Malvern
Feb 5/58

[14:554]

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
two kind notes -

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

I am coming up to
town next week, when
I hope to have the
pleasure of crawling
at your feet a little

Wellcome Ms 5481

more for a few more
favours - La reconnaissance
n'est qu'un vif sentiment
des bienfaits futurs- as
I have often told you -

One thing is I want
to ask you about a
Provident Fund - But my
scheme is not yet ready.

The "Spanish Troops"
are at Paris - They have
been here - And may
perhaps be to be seen
at Burlington St. some
times in the course of
the spring. Their new
address is 41 New Finchley
Road, near you -

I shall not bother
about the Return *now*
which you have been
so good as to send me
By & bye -

[end]

Believe me
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5474/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f47

Private {archivist: 1858 March}

[14:557]

Dear Dr. Farr

It is my misfortune
to be a sandwich
between two eminent
men - Our "Regulations"
have hung fire, and
I have not been able
to prepare a scheme of duties
for the new "Army
Medical Council,"
because Dr. Farr would
not write the *Statistical*=
=Reporting

Wellcome Ms 5481

"Regulations," until Dr. Sutherland had written the Sanitary ones - & Dr. Sutherland would not write the Sanitary= =Reporting "Regulations," until Dr. Farr had written the Statistical ones -

Dr. Sutherland has however the merit of having given in first, and has dictated

(or condescended to approve) the enclosed. And, if Dr. Farr would now issue his commands on {overtop or} Regulations for *Statistical* = Reporting, he would much advance the interests of his devoted and grateful admirer

Florence Nightingale
30 Burlington St.
March 2/58

We are anxious

to steal a march upon the new War Secretary & prepare a scheme for him, before he has had time to appoint *that* Hall successor to the retiring Smith - This Mr. Herbert has engaged to urge, {overtop illeg} upon him.

F.N.

[end

14:557]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5474/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f58

30 Old Burln= St.
May 6/58

[14:558]

Dear Dr Farr

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

Now Whitsuntide is
almost here & we
have nothing done -

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

in the Revise -

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

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

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome 5474/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen typed copy 43398 f115

30 Old Burlington St

[16:521]

W Feb 21/59

My dear Dr. Farr

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

I am entirely enchanted
by your Summary of

the *Weeklies* for '58
& especially by the
Paragraph about the
"2000 medical men"
& the "midnight rush".

Could you tell us
whether you can give
us the Mortality
Returns of the School=
masters & mistresses
of the Schools which
receive the Privy
Council grant *separate*
from the others? The
Census, I suppose, does

Wellcome Ms 5481

not distinguish?

I enclose a Paragraph
from a newspaper, which
please read. Is this
done since Trevelyan
left the Office? And,
if so, would it not
be the time to press
for more? to ask
for a wider circulation
of your Reports?

Many thanks for
all you have done
for us in the way
of newspaper articles.
I had not sent a
green "Contribution"
to the "Times". If you

would do it, our
gratitude would be
the greater - And I
will send you some
more copies, if you
say Yes - Otherwise
I am ashamed to
trouble you -

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

[end]

Yours ever most truly
F. Nightingale

{Attached to letter, was a printed clipping:}

A TESTIMONIAL.-- The meteorological contributions to the
Registrar-General's quarterly returns, and others, have presented
to Dr.

Barker, of Bedford, a handsome striking skeleton clock, upon
marble

plinth. The following inscription indicates the occasion of the
testimonial.

"Presented to Thomas Herbert Barker, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., by the
officers and members of the British Meteorological Society, and
others, as

Wellcome Ms 5481

a memorial of their esteem, and a recognition of his successful exertions in obtaining for them the recirculation of the reports of the Registrar-General, which had been withdrawn by a Treasury minute".

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/5 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f117

30 Old Burlington St W
Feb 25/59

[16:777]

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[end]

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

Have you done anything
about the scheme of Hospital
Statistics for the *universe*?

[16:521]

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

[end]

Yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f122

Highgate

June 2/59

My dear sir

Your Commission was
gazetted on May 31 & Mr.
Herbert is in town -

As it will be necessary
to obtain the Statistics of
Sickness, Mortality &
Invaliding of the Indian
Army from the Medical
Boards there, would not
some of the proposed
forms for the Army
Medical Dep. be better

than any other, filled up
for each Station with the
Diseases annually for a
period say of 10 years?
or would it be necessary
to provide others?

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

I suppose the Medical
Boards have the
Presidency Medical Book
Records - Would it be
necessary to get the
Returns for each Corps
separately?

Would it not be
important to get the
ages - age & time of
service at Death or
Invaliding?

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f129

Highgate

June 5/59

My dear Dr. Farr

Mr. Herbert has
just been here

We agree that the
information we want
for the new Commission's
Report is the inclosed -

Can this be got
from the India Ho:
papers (Tulloch's forms)
~~tables~~) We think
not - You will know

whether it can or not.

If not, could it
not be obtained by
sending certain of your
new A.M.D. Forms
to the Presidency
Medical Boards?

Or rather, would not
the Forms, if properly
filled up, give it?
If so, we will take
care to put them
in proper hands -

Would not these

Forms answer for the
heads I. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. in the
enclosed Paper?

I. 6 might possibly
be obtained at the
India Ho:

We should want
Forms for II. III. IV
& V.

IV might possibly
be obtained from the
Indian Adjutant= Genl='s
Office.

Would you be so
very kind as to
consider these matters

Wellcome Ms 5481

& give us your opinion
upon the whole of them
& the kind of Forms
that should be used?

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

5474/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen,

[16:75-76]

Highgate

June 13/59

Dear Dr. Farr

I have never thanked
you for the corrected
Crimean Tables, including
the Deaths in Battle -
== I sent two copies
of {overtop for} my "Notes on
Hospitals" for Messrs.
Clode & Hammick
to the G.R.O. &
would you express

to them my gratitude
for the *Nurse* Tables,
of which the fruits
are there, as you
will perhaps point
out to them - And
should any body
else at your office
have contributed
to that labor, would
you kindly tell me,
as the least I can
do is to send them
copies to shew that

Wellcome Ms 5481

the labor has not
been quite wasted -
Perhaps too again
I am reckoning on
"bienfaits futurs", as
Page 2 of the same book records (in a
Note) our want of
Hospital ~~Tables~~ Forms -
Dr. Aitken has
told me of three
Hospitals in Scotland
where they would
gladly accept &
use them - Glasgow,

Edinburgh & Dundee
if the Forms were sent to them
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I have had the
erring Page 30 re=
printed

It is a curious
specimen of Printers'
corrections (?) Both
the 1st Proof & the
Revise were right,
as I find on reference

The Printers put ~~it~~ in
the error of their own heads
for the "Press" copies

[end]

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

30 Old Burlington St.

Aug 3/59

Dear Dr. Farr

I acknowledge the
receipt of your Yes s.

We have not yet
mastered sufficiently
the processes of arithmetic
to ascertain how many
copies will be wanted.
But, as soon as we
do, we will send to
you for your approval.

Wellcome Ms 5481

~~The number appears
so very great that's~~
We {overtop we} should like to know
whether any progress
has been made in
ascertaining how much
of the information
can be obtained at
home, & which, if any,
of the Forms can be
filled up at the
Adj. Gen's, Army Med.
Depts- or elsewhere at
home -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy, 43398 f135

Montague Grove
Hampstead
Aug 31/59

Dear Dr. Farr

J. Stuart Mill says
that "the impunity of
calumny" has produced
in the world's history
worse effects than
almost any thing else.
I say the "impunity of
error has [overtop illeg] &c - I am
entirely anti- Fénelon.
Quietism, whether in
religion or in the
world's business is
my ~~ab~~ repugnance -
It is nothing but laziness -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I sent you the attack
on the R.G.'s accuracy
in the green thing by
Aspland, which I will
be bound you never
answered - *Now I did* -
(i.e. in M.S. to Aspland).
He sent my answer
to Rumsey of Cheltenham,
the author of those
Sanitary propositions
which you know -
who chose to write
to me about it -
And I have had a
very hot correspondence
with him -

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f140

Montague Grove
Hampstead

Sept 14/59

Dear Dr. Farr

I send your "Form" on Monday morning to Mr. Prinsep by Dr. Sutherland's orders, after shewing it to Mr. Herbert on Sunday. The servant said he did not see Mr. Prinsep, who was gone to you, but "a gentleman" took it from him & said it was "all right".

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

2. A propos to *Hospital* [5:76]

Statistical Forms 2 We made up a copy of the eight forms you sent us for Remaining, Admissions, Discharges, Deaths, Remaining &c &c and sent them to St. Thomas's Hospital - but have

Wellcome Ms 5481

not been able to get
them filled up -

Have you any data
in the G.R. Office of
the London Hospitals
which could be rendered
available for filling
up these? to any extent?
Or could you from all
you know of the London
Hospitals tell me
which would be most
likely to give the
information or any
part of it?

St. Thomas's appears

to keep its Statistics
more for the sake of
checking obstreperous
Patients - which is
an object certainly
but not a scientific
one -

I should like to have
done something at Bradford
about them - and laid
the way for a vote of the
more magnificent Stat.
Cong.

[end 5:76]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

Hampstead NW
Oct 31/59

Dear Dr. Farr

Sir C. Wood has
informed me that
he has seen you &
that "you are satisfied".
Does your "satisfaction"
include the Statistics
of Disease & Mortality
at each STATION
throughout India?

Wellcome Ms 5481

I ask this because
our Sanitary questions
on the Stations are
either gone or on
their way to going to India.
And the Replies to
them will be of
little use unless
we have the Stational
Statistics.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

I hope you were not killed.

F.N.

{bottom of torn off}

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

Oak hill House

Frognaal

Hampstead NW

Nov 14/59

Dear Dr. Farr

The India House
accepts *your* clerks
with transport. Mr.
Hornidge will write
to you as soon as ever
Sir G. Clerk has
sanctioned it in
writing. He did so

sanction it to day in
words.

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

yours sincerely,

Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/14 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f161

Hampstead NW
Dec 6/59

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

5474/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f164

Oak Hill House
Frognal
Hampstead NW.
Jan 9/60

My dear Dr. Farr

I am exceedingly anxious, as you may suppose, to see your charming New Year's gifts

But I would much rather have it shewn to y me by you And I do not like to ask you to come up here - as I am coming to town incessantly - when I hope to see you - If, however,

Wellcome Ms 5481

for the sake of not delaying,
~~If therefore~~ you would
send them me by post,
I would take care
that they be returned
to you within 24 hours.
And Dr. Sutherland
should see them in
that time-

But do not you
think that they had
better be printed
immediately for
immediate circulation?

And if so I would
waive my prior pleasure

of seeing them - especially
those {overtop the} Returns shewing the
Deaths, Admissions, Diseases
& Loss of Efficiency at
each Station.

Your four Clerks
have been sanctioned
at the Treasury.

Mr. Herbert comes
back to town this week.

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

I send this note by a
servant that you may
if you think well, send
back the Returns by him

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f168 [5:81-82]

Hampstead NW
Jan 31/60

Dear Dr. Farr
St. Thomas's, University
College & St. Mary's
Hospitals have sent
in their Statistics -
which I send you -

After a conversation
which Dr. Sutherland
and I had about
them, I asked him
to write the enclosed.

If you are kind

enough to reduce the
results out of the Forms
and to send them
back to us, I should
wish to be allowed
to remunerate any
Extra work which
it may give your
men -

I don't expect
any more to come in
- altho' Guy's has
promised - And
Mr. Paget, of
Bartholomew's writes

Wellcome Ms 5481

me word that they have
set up a Registrar --
adopted these Forms,
(which they sent ~~for~~
for), and he hopes in
6 months to send me
the Result!

I will shew you
some more very
curious correspondence
about it when we
meet - And a
really good letter
from St. Thomas's
Registrar -

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

{vert. in left margin:} I hope to be in town on Friday.

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

30 Old Burlington St.

[16:368-69]

W.

April 2/60

My dear Dr. Farr

Imprimis: Mr. Herbert
will speak to Sir B.
Hawes about your
being *misinformed* (to
any extent you like)
at the W.O., as to
their Estimates & Accounts-
And any day that
you like to call upon
Sir B. at the W.O.,

Wellcome Ms 5481

he will "put you in communication" with the necessary *mis*-informants.

2. He Mr Herbert will speak to Milner Gibson about putting Sutherland in to the Commission for the International Congress, (in order to hedge Simon)

3. He does not feel "a call" for the Royal

Society at present, he says; he is too busy; but he hopes (when less busy) that "the call" will come.

4. He would be very much obliged to you to write up his new Army Medical School in the "Lancet". Because he expects a "row" when the Estimates come on (3 weeks hence) & wishes to

be able to quote from the Civil Medical papers - And as he has supported us, (*Anti*-Commander-in-Chief,) we ought to support him

5. He looked over all your Indian Commission papers, -- was not at all staggered by the expence, -- is to write to Dr. Balfour to desire him to fill up the Forms you send

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/17/2

(for Returns of Indian
Queen's troops) & to
desire him to call for extra
assistance for doing
so -

But as this is
more Sutherland's
business than mine,
I shall leave him
to tell you all
about it, & to return
your little Portfolio
6. Sutherland, in
looking over your

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

[end]

Believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f175

30 Old Burlington St

[5:96]

W. April 21/60

Dear Dr. Farr

I feel so very
strongly about this
Census bill that I
cannot help writing
to you of how much
importance it would
be, as bearing on all
questions of the Public
health, to have a
column in the
Enumeration paper

Wellcome Ms 5481

in which should be entered the number of sick people in each house with the Diseases -

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

population.

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

Why should a

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/19 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy f180

30 Old Burlington St

April 28/60

Dear Dr. Farr

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

Ought not his
House Enquiry to
include

1. cellar or basement

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

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

here on that day,
Sutherland should
come & settle Army
Statistics with you -

Yours very truly

F. Nightingale

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/20 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f183

30 Old Burlington St
May 10/60

[5:97]

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

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"in a Census of population.

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

If you could furnish **[5:97]**
me with any decisive
answers to these
allegations, I would
still try. But, as
they will not answer
the main allegation
(implied) "Mr. Waddington
does not like to take
the trouble", I have
not much hope of
success - F.N.

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

[end 5:97]

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/21 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f186

30 Old Burlington St
May 12/60

[5:100-01]

Dear Dr. Farr

The Census Bill did not go into Committee last night, as you know. It is put off till Tuesday, when they expect a debate upon it, Mr. Baines & Mr. Caird having both amendments upon it - Under these circumstances, if

you think any thing more can be done in the Commons, pray command me.

I wrote both to Lord Grey & to Lord Shaftesbury yesterday

The former answers as you see -

If the Bill goes up to the "Lords" on Wednesday, it might still be before Lord Grey goes to Germany. And, in that

case, would you call upon him, taking with you a written statement, (not in your own hand=writing,) for him to make use of in the Lords? And "put him up to things"?

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

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of the Bill on the
Notice Paper of the
Ho: of Lords -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/22 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy f190

May 31/60

[16:541-42]

Dear Dr. Farr

Mr. Herbert has
sent me the enclosed,
with the remark
"in answer to your
"letter". "Probably
"Dr. Farr would be
"able to obviate
"the objection".

Dr. Sutherland
is gone on Inspections.
He saw Dr. Balfour

yesterday who
told him his
grievance - And
as I understood
Dr. S, he, Dr. S.,
agreed with
him.

I asked Dr.
S. to write to you
But I have
no doubt he
did not make
it intelligible
what he wanted

viz: as I understood,
that you should
not pledge the
W.O. to adopt
the Congress's
conclusions, when
your own were
likely to be so
much more

well=founded -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/23 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43398
f193

30 Old Burlington St
W. June 21/60

[5:82]

Dear Dr. Farr

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

One room shall
always be yours -

[You may want
to have some place
where you can

bring people in
to breakfast,
lunch, or dine,
or write a letter.

If you will
give me notice,
you shall have
a better dinner
than you have
had the experience
of heretofore here.

And breakfast
you can always
have -]

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

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

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/24 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f201

30 Old Burlington St

W Aug 6/60

[15:291]

Dear Dr. Farr

Would you request
Major Graham to write
to Mr. Herbert to
say that, as the new
Army Regulations
have been in force
since *October* last,
& as (by them) a
Return of Deaths
in the Army is to

be made quarterly
to the R.G., ~~Mr.~~
~~Herbert~~ should
Major Graham
requests Mr. Herbert
to direct that the
Regulation be
complied with,
as no Return
has yet been furnished
to the G.R.O.

[end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I consider Engel
& myself ill-used
individuals. He asks
me to write to the
Princess Royal -
Sutherland says
nothing ought to
be done till the
Prussian Embassy here
is requested to act.
Dr. Farr makes no
answer - And poor
Engel, an unbusiness
like *savant*, is

[16:544]

quaking meanwhile
in his shoes at
Berlin, without
any *renseignement*

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whatever -

[end]

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5474/25/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f202

Upper Terrace [5:89-90]
Hampstead

Sept 6/60

My dear Dr. Farr

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

I know what the
Provincial Hospitals
are - For them
the "Medical Times"
is a Bible. They
will say, oh! the
Profession have
rejected these Forms.
They will think
because the M. Times
is not answered, it
cannot be answered_
And those who have
already applied
for the Forms will
not adopt them_

Wellcome Ms 5481

O.'Connell said
a lie which lasted
24 hours was worth
making. My
experience of life
is quite the same.

I think you
should answer
the M. Times: --

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

2. as regards the
classification

The most cursory
examination of the
Forms would have
shewn the objectors
that, in as far as
the Forms were
concerned, the
Classification is
intended to
facilitate the
process of recording
& to diminish the
length of the Disease
List by one half_

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3. Dr. Tripe's averment that the Forms were not fully discussed is not correct. They were under discussion for one day & part of another. They were more discussed than any other, subject before the Section.

4. Any ~~at~~ reduction of the number of Diseases in the List would, in the first

place, be to surrender the ground already taken by the Congress at previous meetings and 2. to surrender scientific accuracy on the plea of trouble.

The time may come when all Diseases may be reduced under one name. But at present improved means of diagnosis rather tend to increase scientifically

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the almost endless
varieties of diseased
action in different
organs. And we
must have better
reasons {overtop illeg} for
diminishing the
list of "ills that
flesh is heir to"
than any that
have yet appeared
against these
Forms which
rather, it is to
be hoped, will
before long be in use
in all Hospitals.
Sincerely yours F. Nightingale

[end 5:90]

5474/26 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f204

A. Jackson's Esq
Upper Terrace - Hampstead {Upper overtop 3}
NW
Sept 16/60

Dear Dr. Farr

I hear that the
Liverpool Town Council
has taken deep
offence at something
you have said.

[16:546]

Newlands, McGowan
& others are going
to try their hands
again at Glasgow
to prove, not only

that your Statistics
are all wrong --
but that Liverpool,
with cesspits & middens,
is {overtop are} the healthiest
town in England.

As I understand,
this is not the
old story raked
up again - but
something new -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I hope you
are to be at

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Glasgow - to refute it -
therefore -

=== I have heard
nothing from you
about *anything* -

I wish that
my letter about
Engel to the Pr.
Royal could have
been written
before the Pr. Consort
went there; who,
for his own credit,
would have urged
it - But I fear

that is too late
now - The Queen
starts this week.

I wish the
Hospital Statistical
Forms could have
been out before
the Glasgow Meeting.
Already I think
the objections in
the Med. Times have
told against them
in the provincial
mind -

[end]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

Hampstead NW

[16:551]

Oct 7/60

Dear Dr. Farr

I was exceedingly
edified by your
letter to the "Medical
Times" upon Hospital
Statistical Forms -
I think it is the
very best thing I
have ever seen of
yours *in that line*
And that is saying

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a great deal -

They will answer
it, if they have any
pluck -

Thank you very
much for the enclosed.

Balfour is cross.

Poor old Quetelet.
His letters are very
characteristic of
himself -

I have had a
perfect war of

correspondence with
Mühry. Some day
I hope to shew it
you - In the mean
while, I keep to
my opinion that
they have to learn
the very A B C
of *practical* Sanitary
Science - Mühry
throws at me all
the long=forgotten
prejudices of thirty
years ago in England by way
of arguments.

I have received from
Brussels (? from
Heuschling) - several
pamphlets about
this & late Congresses.

I see Ld Brougham
says that all politics
must rest upon
Statistics -

ever truly yours
F. Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/28 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43398 f207

Oct 11/60

[16:551]

Dear Dr. Farr

On looking over
the book you have just
sent me, I find
the decision of the
Vienna Congress at
P. 235 (in Capitals.)
which settles the
principle upon which
classification is to be
carried out viz. "in
reference to the

bearing on {overtop n} Statistics,
Medicine and the
Public Health."

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

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

[end]

Yours sincerely
F.N.

5474/29/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f208

Hampstead NW

Oct 20/60

[16:552]

Dear Dr. Farr

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

last of it we ever
shall see.

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

He will answer
your letter of to day
though, depend upon
it - And then I

think you should
bring out your
whole serious rejoinder.

Mr Tripe's letter
of to day grants
all we want -

And indeed
there has never
been any serious
objection made,
excepting -- "this
will take trouble
& labour". And
we answer, "yes,
we want correctness
which certainly

does imply labour.
And it, is because
you have not given
it, that we have
no Hospital Statistics
worth having."

You see that
the Paris Hospitals
are bestirring
themselves to
organize *their*
Statistics. And
now is the time
for M. Legoyt to
bestir himself

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& see your
classification adopted.

I return the
two Reports with
many thanks.

They are highly
satisfactory in
this sense - P. 235

1857

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

And you see they
are at work -

Look at P. 383
of today's Medical
Times.

Dr. Sutherland
shewed me your
correspondence
about Stark &
Co: And he is
going to send you
an answer.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/30 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f210

Mr. A Jackson's

[16:552-53]

Upper Terrace

Hampstead NW

Oct 22/60

Dear Dr. Farr

If this is not
a quack, what is?

Should you be
walking over
Hampstead Heath
some day, & would
look in here, you
might perhaps find
the sacred trust
lying on the table.

It is certainly

not the work of a
"Scientific Nosologist."

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

As a practical
Nurse, it stirs
my strongest feelings
of indignation
ignoring as it does
all causation, and

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treating diseases
as if they were
{illeg - a large blotch of ink} to
organs)

I shall tell
Dr. Stone that
though I may
(perhaps) keep
his secret, yet
the joke is much
too good an one
to be kept -
the quack attacking
& not choosing

to be attacked
in return

[end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

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

Hampstead NW
Dec 5/60

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

__ without any
comment of my
own.

It might be
as well to call
the attention of
the Secretary of
the Geog. Soc. to the
request contained
in the last page
of Dr. Mühry's
letter to me -

Or perhaps
you will think

it better just to
let the papers
follow the usual
course -

[It seems to
me almost more
adapted to the
Royal Socy than
to the Geog. Socy]
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
NW
Oct 25/60

Dear Dr. Farr

If you could come
here to look at the
wonderful trust
to morrow, (Friday)
we have a dinner
& bed to offer you
& my father is here -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/31 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43398 f211

Hampstead NW
Oct 23/60

Dear Dr. Farr

[16:553]

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

You will perhaps remember that the

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

On Sunday I asked Mr. Herbert whether he would lay the case before

Mr. Gladstone [To this gentleman the undoing what "a person of the name of Trevelyan" has done will be a strong inducement]

To make an effective case, will you get for me

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

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from your Office.

2. the Weekly Nos=
sold at present

3. the Weekly Nos=
at present gratuitously
distributed.

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

[end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St
Jan 9/61

[16:555-56]

Dear Dr. Farr

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

2. I had another
enquiry from a
London Hospital
last week, asking
if my scheme of
Hospital Statistics
were *not* OUT *YET!!!*

3. Mr. Herbert's
failing health (he
has disease of the
kidneys) & retirement
from the Ho: of Commons

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which has cost
him a severer
struggle & greater
pang than any
body knows of --
of course makes
a great difference
to us - altho',
at the earnest
request of those
who know him
best, he retains
Office - Lord
Stanley has been
offerred & accepted

the Indian Commission.

And we are making
haste to do as much
as we can before
he comes on - But,
anxiety has made
me more unfit
than I was before -
Mr. Herbert (I cannot
bear to call him by
his new name, nor
will I) is just as
eager about things
however as ever

[end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

30 O. B. St
Mar 14/61

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

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it were not for the honor

Wellcome Ms 5481

of the thing, I had a
great deal lieber
have printed it myself
in July. The Hospitals
who wrote to me for
it then, & have been
waiting for it ever
since, will think
I am laughing at
them, if I send them
this naked skeleton
now -

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

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

Yours sincerely ever
altho' in extreme
old age
Florence Nightingale

[end]

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

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

London

[16:559]

Mar 21/61

My dear Dr. Farr

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

But ~~if it is not~~
would you allow me
(there are "perturbations"
even in "eternal laws")
to print the recommen=

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dations of the Congress

Wellcome Ms 5481

on my own account?

To do this, I must have the page of the Report which refers to them.

I observe you have as little "expectation of life" to see the Report done as I have - But it may turn out otherwise - ["Averages" you know I have denounced.]

I EAGERLY SNATCH at your offer to send "copies to the principal "Hospitals -- with a "note signed by the "Secretaries of the "Congress."

Because, you see, that is all which makes the paper likely to be practically followed - viz. the adhesion of the Congress. Otherwise I might just as

well have printed the paper on my own account last December twelvemonth.

- I meant, with your assistance & Dr. Sutherland's, to have prepared & printed Hospital Books (for distribution) to *carry out* the system -

But this is your busy year. Dr. Sutherland is capricious (in all his work.) And I am *non compos* -
yours ever sincerely

[end]

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F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/37/1-2 initialed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f4

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W.

Good Friday/61

My dear Dr. Farr

1. I send proofs
of your letter & of the
famous (famous for
its antiquity) page -
Please say both
whether they will
do & how you wish
them to be "put up".
I think they should
be incorporated together

with the paper &
not look as if they
were shipped in.
If you could verify
the "page" by the
Report, as you
make yourself
responsible for
the paper, it
would be better.

===

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

===

I retain you to
dinner on Wednesday
And Urim & Thummim
shall come to meet
you - But pray
come (for me)
as much before
6 o'clock as you
can -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I do wish we could
have composed some
Hospital books for
the Statistics - Several
Superintendents of
Nurses have told me
how glad they should
be to make the
"Sisters" keep such
Returns - When I
told Dr. Sutherland,
he was all agog; &
went off upon the
"Rights of" *Man*. Now
I don't want this
to interfere with the

[12:150]

{printed address upside down:} 30. Old Burlington Street.
W.

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"rights" of the Registrars at all.

They must do the
official Returning
business, if it is
ever done, according
to this system, of {overtop by}
course. But I don't
see why the poor
women should not
have the practice,
merely for practice,
__ by no means for
official purposes -
if it is good for
them - Only we must
compose Hospital

books for *them* (Entries -
or Ledger books) -

yours sincerely

F.N.

[end 12:150]

{envelope}

[archivist:] quarantine committee About April/61?

{FN:} *at your leisure*

{monogram seal on back flap of envelope}

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/39 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f8

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

April 6/61

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[16:559]

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

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

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

Should not these
Forms of Table be

printed on the back
of the fly sheet &
go out with the
paper itself?

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

[end]

You have not
sent me a Census
paper to myself -
And, as nothing
will induce me

[5:101]

Wellcome Ms 5481

to declare the age
of the cats to my
landlord, you won't
have me at all.

I have looked
over all your
Enumerator's papers
which you were so
good as to send me.
They seem very complete
But I don't quite see
how you will get all the
Railroad Travellers, for
instance - altho' it is
very astute of you to
take the Sunday

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W.

April 9/61

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[I should say that
this vast Hotel, ~~consisting~~
"Burlington Hotel," consisting

Wellcome Ms 5481

of three large houses,
besides *this*, (which
is the "private" house)
is composed mainly
of *family* suites of
rooms.]

On Sunday morning
(the 7th) a verbal
message was sent
up to me, *not* by the
occupier of the Hotel,
but by his *fac=totum*,
(a kind of house=
steward,) desiring me

to write my age (& my
maid's) on a bit
of paper - *nothing more*.
This was the message,
verbatim et literatim.

I swallowed the
answer which rose
to my lips - not
thinking it worth
while to have a
war of words with
this person - and,
after ascertaining
from his assertion
that no Schedules

had been left for the
Families in this Hotel,
I took one of the
Specimen Forms you
were so kind as to
give me, & wrote
the information fully
& accurately therein
concerning myself &
maid (the *man=servant*
does not sleep in the
Hotel) & sent it down to him

I leave you to
think, if the message
sent up to the other

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5474/40/2

families occupying
apartments in these {overtop this}
4 houses, were similar
to that sent to me,
of how dependable
& valuable a
nature is the information
filled in by this
person on his Sheet

He appeared to
consider the Census
Act as an invention
designed to afford
him the amusement
of asking people
their ages - and of

drawing upon his
imagination for the
rest of the information
required.

As you know
how much interested
I am in the proper
working of the Census,
& that I had rather
the information
required of us (as
regards our healths
& houses) were more
than less complete,
I venture to suggest

Wellcome Ms 5481

that the heads of families, whether that family consist of one, two or more persons, wherever living, whether in hotels, lodgings &c should be required to fill up their own paper -

Believe me (from my personal experience of what happened here) people who have not reflected much on the value of a Census have a very different

conscience as to affording accurate information, when called upon to do so by an ignorant Hotel servant, & when called upon directly, by the law, which all English people obey- And this observation I think applies rather more to the "upper" than to the "lower classes," as they are called.

Believe me

{printed address upside down:} 30. Burlington Street.

W.

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

{vert. in left margin:} You are quite at liberty to make any use of this.

{printed address upside down:} 30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/40/3

NB.

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

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

But might you

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

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/41 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f17

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W.

April 20/61

[1:573-74]

My dear Dr. Farr

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

Now Major Graham's letter says

1. that I generalize from one instance; & then proceeds to do the self = same thing

2. lays down a principle in human

nature in which I think all the world will be against him - viz that family people are *less* likely to give accurate information about themselves than a landlord is to do it for them

3. ignores the only point in our communications viz that it is *not* of travellers we are speaking ~~of~~, (those who sleep one night {overtop illeg} in an

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inn) & that a Supg=
Registrar might decide
to {overtop of} what class the inn
belongs -

It would be a
curious thing to know.

I take it, (in
Hotels of this character)
the proportion of passers
through, beds let by
the night, would be *nil*.

You have not
criticized my Apostle's
Statistics for me - and

Paget and I are
waiting breathless
upon your voice -

You have not
even returned me
the copy to comfort
myself with.

[end]

yours sincerely

F.N.

In re Angus Smith's evidence.

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

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5474/42 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f35

30 O B St [archivist: July]
Monday 22/61

My dear Sir

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

[16:408-09]

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

Are you going to the Dublin Social Science Meeting? The Dublin Hospital authorities have asked me to urge the same Hospl. Statl.

scheme at that Meeting. And I shall do so (in a letter) Would you advise also in this?

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

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

& say 1. whether you will make a scheme from them?

2. whether you would advise this being done in time for the Dublin Meeting? 3. whether you would like to moot it

at the Brit. Med. Ass., in which case I would send you these Lists

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at once -

[end]

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

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

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

Hampstead NW

Sept 17/61

My dear Dr. Farr

Would you kindly, at your leisure, see Mr. Baker, at 4 Old Palace Yard, & ask him what was understood with Lord Stanley about printing the remainder of the Abstracts of Replies from Indian Stations - I understand that it is proposed

[9:107-08]

Wellcome Ms 5481

to give only those
already in type as
"specimens" of the whole.

How can one
Station be a "specimen"
of another Station -
There are no two
Stations alike. You
might as well say
that Mr. Rawlinson
could sewer Winchester
from reading a
description of Croydon.
Or that you could
give 30 Weekly
Returns as "specimens"

of the Weekly Mortalities
of the year & not
give the remaining
22 weeks -

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

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thro' whose hands
every one of them has
passed, he is very
much mistaken.

And certainly
the most valuable
~~part~~ information
not only in the
Report but in the
India Ho: will be
the printed Abstracts
of all these Stational
Replies - and your
Statistics.

I would have
written to Lord Stanley
direct - but that

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- (1.) perhaps it is
unnecessary
 - (2.) he does not know
(& I should have to
explain) that every
one of these M.S. Replies,
with the Abstracts,
Proofs & Revises, has
passed thro' my hands,
& therefore I am
speaking "avec
Connaissance de cause".
2. Would you also
ask Mr. Baker
whether the maps
& plans, which

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Dr. Sutherland chose
as specimens, to be
reduced &
lithographed for the
Report, *must* absolutely
stand over till
the Commission meets
again, before it is
authorized to be done.
I was in hopes
that it would be
finished & ready
by *November*, when
the Commission meets
again, when Dr_
Sutherland comes

back from the
Mediterranean & when
he and I begin our
Digest for the Report -
for which these maps
& plans are necessary.

I think Dr. S.
might have reduced
their number. But
he says not -

Could Mr. Baker
give an idea as to
the "enormous" expence
the Stationery Office
says it would be?
What kind of sum?

I would gladly do

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something at my
own expence, if I
knew what.

Again, I would
have written to Lord
Stanley about this,
without troubling you.
But that, if he has
positively said that
"it must stand over
"till the Commn= meets
"again," he will not
alter that decision
for me -

[end 9:108]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

[end 9:108]

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

Hampstead NW
Sept 28/61

My dear Dr. Farr

[9:108-10]

I ought to have
answered your two
kind letters before -

I think it would
be very desirable, as
you say, to examine
some N.C. Officers &
men from India. But I do not
know the Indian Army
Col. Greathed would be
a good person to
name some.

Wellcome Ms 5481

But I think it
still more desirable
to examine somebody
who would give you
evidence about *caste*,
how far it is a
religious & how far
a social Institution,
how far it can be
got over & how
far you must bow
to it - in civilizing
& sanitizing our
native troops -

As I have had
every one of the M.S.
books of Replies to

do, nothing has
struck me ~~as~~ so
much as this: viz.
that *caste* is made
an excuse for not
feeding
not *cooking* for
not *cleansing* or washing
not housing
not teaching
not amusing
& not {overtop illeg} nursing them,

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

Some say that
nothing *can* be done

Others show that
a great deal *has*

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

I would propose that you should examine

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before the Commission

Mr. Ballantyne

Librarian to India Ho:

Cannon Row

Mr. John Muir

late Bengal Civil Service

Edinburgh

Lt General Briggs

2 Tenterden St. -

& perhaps Genl= Ludlow.

Mr. Ballantyne was 13 years at Benares, as I dare say you know -

And all these men would know, if any do, exactly the value

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to put upon how far
Caste is to be an
obstacle in the way
of Sanitary Civilization.

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

sick would be much
better out of them.

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

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

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But I hope you will not let him consider it a final Meeting.

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

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

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[3]

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

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

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

Would Mr. Baker ~~forward the~~ send me up here, or to Mrs. Sutherland's,
41 Finchley New Road,

Wellcome Ms 5481

those which he says
"are done"-

I don't know what
the "Proof" is which
he says "is done" now.
Because he has no
Abstracts in hand
"to do". The *fourth*
Vol: of printed Abstracts is
ready. But I have
already received my
two copies of it. some
time ago.

We have only one
M.S. book now *not*
abstracted. But
I begin in time to
make an "uproar" as
to having the *power*

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[4]

to print Abstracts
of the remaining books, as they
come in from India

I should like to
see Dr. Mouat's
Report, as you kindly
offer it. I know Dr.
Mouat & his works
- which are very
good - not like
his brother's which
are "of the devil".

Have you seen
Gangoulees India?
Gangoulee is a converted
Brahmin. And his

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book touches on Caste.
I mean to get it.
And if it is worth
reading, I will
send it you, if you
wish it.

ever yours truly

F.N.

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

[end 9:110]

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

5474/45/1-2 initialed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f54

Hampstead NW
Oct 2/61

My dear Dr. Farr

[9:110-11]

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

2. I agree with you

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

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

as Virginians look upon slaves]

But I do not give up my point as to having witnesses about {overtop illeg} "caste" - I was told by an experienced & *learned* Indian that we had made the great mistake of encouraging "caste", whereas, in all India the native idea is that ~~cast~~ Military Service does away with caste.

But I wish some one would question Ballantyne before he

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appears as witness.
If he shares all the
superstitions about
Caste & will confirm
them, he had better
not appear at all.
My poor master would
have done this directly.
But Lord Stanley (altho'
"a deal better than
"nothing", as the niggers
woman said of men
in general) has not
this *nous* or this talent.
3. As to the British Army
Hospitals in India, they
have all the faults we

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affection so much -
which, *ceteris paribus*,
must work more
harm under that
climate than under
ours.

4. Dr. Sutherland will be
back in England at
the end of this month
5. I have not yet
received the Evidence,
with Mr. Baker's
Analysis.

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

My poor master has
been dead two months

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to day - too long a time
for him not to be
forgotten- & too long
a time for the
Commander in Chief
not to have proved
himself a "snob"
and Sir G. Lewis a
"muff". The dogs
have trampled on
his dead body.

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

F.N.

[end 9:111]

5474/46/1-4 initialed letter, 8ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f56

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Hampstead NW
Oct 5/61

[16:409-10]

My dear Dr. Farr

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

work of his, his Report
in the 6th Vol. of the
Med. Chir Transactions.
I made large use
of it in the Preface
to my "Confidential"
Report to Lord Panmure,
which Preface I have torn
out ~~of it~~ & now
sent to you - as well
as the account of
Walcheren - where
McGrigor succeeded
Webb, as Insp. Genl=---
which I have torn

out of the same (my
Confidential Report)
as these {overtop these} bits may save you
some trouble in
reference - Do not
return them to me.

[end]

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

[9:111-12]

It is ~~ws~~ not what
is inevitable in the
"horrible results of caste",

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

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

But what alarms
me is that he should
think it "complete".
Independently of your
& Dr. Sutherland's
evidence, there is much,
much more still
incomplete - especially
as to native troops -
& not only that, but
as to Engineering- for
water= supply &c - in

Wellcome Ms 5481

which our Stations are
wholly deficient. It
does seem curious that
we should still be
drinking out of skins
carried by "*bheesties*"
there, when we think
of the old Roman
water works- and
when we think of their magnificent
underground arrangements
too - that we should
be allowing native
Bazars of half a
quarter of a million
inhabitants to grow
up as at Secunderabad,
& Bangalore without one single

such arrangement, ---
poisoning us round our
own Stations.

I trust you will
let me know *when*
you expect your next
Meeting to take place
- as also that you
will not let Ld Stanley
think that it is
anything like the last.

I am going to write
to Martin to the same
effect - that you may
have an Assistant-
And because, ~~as~~ Baker says,
it was ~~he~~ Martin who desired
him to send me the
oral evidence. But

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Martin is so absorbed
by his one idea of
"Hill Stations" that he
will not be vigorous
on our side.

===

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

[end 9:112]

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AT YOUR LEISURE

P.S.

An American gentleman, typed copy 43399 f18 [6:520]
once asked the great
& Revd= Jacob Abbott
what he should do
when the Sacrament
came, if he could not
give up some darling
sin he had - to which
the Revd= Abbott answered
- he really could not
tell him what he
should do -

It seems to me that
this is the only answer
you can make to your

Wellcome Ms 5481

Quarantine Committee,
constituted as it is,
if it asks you what
it should do -

It seems to me
that there are *two*
"darling sins" which,
if it will commit,
incapacitate it from
any righteous action.

1. Its action could
only begin, to be fair,
where that of another
Committee, which
does not yet exist,
ends. You are judging
of great national

commercial interests,
or rather of the
greatest ~~n~~ inter-
national interests
of all, which not a
man upon the Committee
(except yourself)
understands AT ALL.
All that your Committee
could ever do, or
ought to do, would
be to answer some
such question as this,
*proposed to it by a
Committee constituted
of the greatest merchants
in Europe - "Would*

Wellcome Ms 5481

"such & such regulations"
(which would involve
no restrictions on
commerce [of this they alone are the judges] "answer
"the purposes of Public
"Health?"

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

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

[9:867]

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

Quarantine follows
logically & inevitably
on "contagion"- as
Sanitary measures
on non=contagion -

Farther than this,
I do not venture
to argue with you -
because, as you say,
I am not scientific.
Neither do I quote
the opinion of those
men (whom you
think I worship)
such as Chadwick,
for the same reason-
- he is not scientific_
I only modestly &

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really humbly say,

Wellcome Ms 5481

I never saw a fact
adduced in favor
of contagion which
would bear scientific
enquiry. And I
could name to you
men whom *you*
would acknowledge
as scientific who
place "contagion" on
the same footing as
witchcraft & other
superstitions -

[end 9:867]

F.N.

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

Hampstead NW.

Oct 8/61

[16:574]

My dear Dr. Farr

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

He does not ask for
it back, as he has a

copy of it. He only
wants to know "what
"has become of it".

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

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

[end]

[15:599]

Did I tell you that
I had forwarded to the
War= Secretary at
Washington (upon
application) all our
War Office Forms &
Reports - Statistical &
other - taking the occasion
to tell them that, as
the U.S. had adopted
~~the~~ our Registrar Genl='s

nomenclature, it would
be easier for them to
adopt our Army
Stat. Forms -

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

I also took
occasion to tell them
of our Chinese success
in reducing the Army Mortality
to one tenth of what
it was, & the Constantly
Sick to one seventh of
what they were during
the first winter of the
Crimean War: due to my dear master

[end 15:599]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/48 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43399 f60

Hampstead NW
Oct 21/61

My dear Dr. Farr

I think there can [9:113]
be no objection to the
ending of your paper.
I like it very much.
I like people to know
that Sidney Herbert
was not so raw a
statesman (as his
friends would have
it appear) as to
consider his work
finished. Poor Ly

Herbert would, I am
sure, be glad to have
a copy.

When is your next
Indian Commn Meeting
called for?

[end 9:113]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/49 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f62

Hampstead
Nov 2/61

My dear Dr. Farr

If you could, [9:113]
without any trouble
to yourself, lay your
hand upon my
letter to you, giving
the heads of an
Examn= for N.C.
Officers & Privates,
on the Indian
Sanitary matter -
it would help me

Wellcome Ms 5481

in arranging the
heads of my own
Evidence - to which
I am sorry to say
I have done little
of late - I have
been so ill & busy.

Please to direct
it to

32 *South St. W*
where I shall be
on Monday

My dear Master
has been dead three

months to day. Poor
Lady Herbert goes
abroad this next
week with the
children & shuts
up Wilton - The
eldest boy going
to school - It is as
if the earth had
opened & swallowed
up even the name
which filled my
whole life these {overtop this} five
{illeg illeg} years -
I do not go back

to Burlington St
which is now to me
deserted - ever yours

[end 9:113]

F.N.

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

I expect Sutherland & Galton

Wellcome Ms 5481

home on the 8th or 10th=

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/50 initialed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f63

32 South St.

Nov 28/61

My dear Dr. Farr

Would you dine **[9:114]**
here at 6 o'clock
with Sutherland?
And would you
sleep?

I would ask
Martin to stay
dinner too. But
he & Sutherland
agree so badly.
And nothing like

business ever comes
out of it.

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

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

[end 9:114]

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/51 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f64

32 South St W
Dec 20/61

My dear Dr. Farr
Dr. Sutherland

[9:114]

says he *must* see
you about the
maps & estimates
for lithographing
them (Indian)
which are all here

Could you come
in to= day {overtop to= night} or to morrow
& dine at 6 o'clock?
To day would be
more convenient

[end 9:114]

to me. Because,
after 5, I don't
think any more
Canadian business
will come in.
But to morrow
will probably
be more convenient
to you- I could
give you a bed
either night.

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

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

Yours sincerely
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/52 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43399 f67

9 Chesterfield St
W June 18/62

My dear Dr. Farr

Very many thanks **[9:115]**
for your Police Report.

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

We shall be glad

to see you in India
as soon as you can
come out.

I communicated
both your note &
Police Report to Dr
Sutherland

[end 9:115]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/53 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43399 f68

9 Chesterfield St W
July 13/62

My dear Dr. Farr

Would you be so **[9:115]**
good as to look

over my "evidence"
& give me your
suggestions, as you
were godfather to it,
in the first instance,
I believe.

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

Also, I have done

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale **[9:115]**
Would you write on **[9:115]**
margin your
criticisms & suggestions **[end 9:115]**

5474/54 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f70

Hampstead NW
Aug 8/62
My dear Dr. Farr **[9:115-16]**
You said, "write more,
more". And I have
written "more, more",
& enclose you the
result, begging for it to
be returned to me
with the former proof,
& for you to make
your remarks upon
this one, in lieu of
the former. (I have sent it
to G.R.O.
But this is not
my object but my
excuse in writing.

Wellcome Ms 5481

I am miserably
anxious about the
Report ("Indian Sanitary")

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

Lord Stanley wants
to have a meeting

early

next month to consider the Report. We
have had his
corrections ~~in~~ upon
our part of the
Report three months.

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

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

Any general
Statistical details

Wellcome Ms 5481

may go in the
Appendix

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

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

[end 9:116]

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

Hampstead NW

Aug 12/62

My dear Dr. Farr

I do not understand
from Lord Stanley's
note that he wishes
for a Meeting until
he is ready with
the Report.

[9:117]

What he wants is
the Report.

And we thought
to expedite matters
be sending your
part with the
~~Statistical p~~

Wellcome Ms 5481

Sanitary part to
press, to get a
proof of the whole
so that you & Lord
Stanley might see
how the whole
stood. That is all.

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

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

But every day's
delay counts for a
year

[end 9:117]

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

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

5474/56 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f77 **[6:193]**

Hampstead NW.
Sept 13/62

My dear Dr. Farr

You may perhaps
remember (or more
likely you may have
forgotten) that the
Colonial Office
employed me, or
I employed the
Colonial Office
(which is the more
correct?) to come
to some conclusion
about the relation

Wellcome Ms 5481

between education &
mortality in our
uncivilized colonies.
How far can we
educate savages
without killing
them?

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

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

I hope you
yourself will take
no farther trouble
than just to look
over the Forms -

And you will
eternally oblige yours
very truly

F. Nightingale

There are a great
many more materials
(to be done afterwards)

I shall be too
glad to pay for
the clerical labor,
only esteeming
myself too happy
in getting your
criticism

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/57 {arch incorrectly labeled letter as 5472/57}, typed copy 43399
f87

signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} **[15:362]**

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square, W.
Nov 4/62

My dear Dr. Farr

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

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

I want to publish
it & say: ---

"This is how he
found the Army
(Sidney Herbert)
This is how he left
it.

You see we are better now
than the Civil population
ever yours
F.N.

Oh if we could do
the same for the
Indian Army

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/58 {archivist incorrectly labeled letter as 5472/58}
signed letter, 2ff, pen black=edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f90

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

[16:77]

Nov 15/62

My dear Dr. Farr

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

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

Could you give us
such a table for
such a number of
years, as would
enable a General
Life=table of the
London Hospitals to
be calculated
(excluding the question
of age, of course)

It would tell
very much, if we
could shew that
each Hospital
has its own *life=*
risk- & would

Wellcome Ms 5481

add another argument
to the case against
those Hospitals.

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

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

[end]

5474/59 {archivist incorrectly labeled letter as 5472/59}
initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f95
dated Dec 4

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Dec 14/62

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[9:123-24]

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

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to both these valuable
Diagrams?

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

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

4. I send the
"Abstract" of Indian
Statistical Reports.
ever yours sincerely
F.N.

[end 9:123]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/60 incomplete note, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f101

{archivist note:} Indian Army San. Commission
1862 or 1863 -
Sir Hope Grant was then
Commander-in-chief- at {illeg Madval?}

To Dr. Farr.

[9:125-26]

Statistical

The "defects of the existing organization" can be quite well "pointed out" in the *Report*

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

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

If something of the same kind could be done here - a comparison between soldiers & Civilians in tropical

climates, it would be do more to convince such men as Sir Hope Grant than all the rest put together -

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

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

Drainage -

It is most important to have Rawlinson or Austin upon *how* this is to be done -

[end 9:126]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/61 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399
f131

Hampstead NW

[16:579-80]

Aug 7/63

My dear Dr. Farr

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

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

[9:239]

However, one thing
he says is perfectly
certain, viz. that all
this vexatious opposition
has the effect of
advertising the thing

Wellcome Ms 5481

much more than our
own utmost efforts
could do. -

So it will be with
the attacks upon
our India Report
at Newcastle &
elsewhere - but
why are you not
there to answer
them? There will
be no one else to do so-
Why did not
Berlin time its
Meeting better?

[end 9:239]

I don't think I
could get anything

ready for Berlin -
I have no time or
strength - unless
you thought the
Surgical Operations
Tables would do,
with a paper of
which the enclosed
is an uncorrected
proof - in which
case I must ask
you to get somebody
to translate it
into French - I have
no time.

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

[end]

{vert in left marg:} ever yours F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/62 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f133

Hampstead NW.

Aug 15/63

My dear Dr. Farr

I send you the
paper for Berlin
with many thanks.
Tho' in type, I need
not say it is quite
new. And I am
sorry not to have
had time to get
a Revise. However
I have no doubt
you will make
it better than the

original.

I am overjoyed
to hear your success
about the Austrians.
That was your
personal influence,
against the political
screw. Also, that
the Crown Prince is
to preside. It is
a great thing. I
hope it may do
much good, after
all.

I am afraid
rail roads do more

good than Sisters of
Charity - &
international
congresses & exhibitions
than philanthropy.

Believe me

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I hope you mean
to read my paper
yourself,

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Wellcome Ms 5481

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

F.N.

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5474/63 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399
f148

Hampstead NW

Aug 28/63

My dear Dr. Farr

I cannot tell you
how vexed & mortified
I have been with all
this. It has quite
knocked me up. You
~~ask~~ say, they must
"have been singularly
"misled - by somebody".
We know very well
who that somebody
is. He has been at it
for more than two
years. If you wonder

[9:244]

that an "ill conditioned
beggar", as he was justly
called - *not* by me -
could prevail against
several persons of
much more than
ordinary ability, industry
& honesty, I answer,
falsehood does give
a man such an
immense advantage
(over truth). Did not
the one traitor prevail
against the 11 faithful
in the greatest tragedy
in history? Yet there

Wellcome Ms 5481

is no sign of his having
been a clever traitor.

An old Irishwoman
once warned me to
have no doings with
a certain person,
because "he can lie &
you cannot". Was
not that profound?

I have been
warning them against
this swindler any time
these two years. But
he was always on the
spot. I was not.

I cannot tell you
the grief this affair
has caused me.

[end 9:244]

I write this word only
not to let you go to
Berlin without a word
of regret.

Would you tell
Stanford to send me
up here 12 copies of
my paper as soon as
possible- to be paid
for, of course -

7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead
N.W.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/64/1-2 initialed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f159

Confidential {up diag}

32, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 10/63

My dear Dr. Farr

You may be sure
that I have thought of
nothing else but our
India business during
the last busy ten days.
And, in order to put
you *au courant*, I send
you 1. a letter of Lord
Stanley's, and 2. ~~mi~~
part of my answer -
We shall not get Col:
Norman's paper. But
never mind. The

[9:198-99]

best thing that can
happen to us is that
they should produce
their complaints against us in
the Ho: of C. And Lord
Stanley has already
engaged my services
in person to prompt him
in February. He has
also ~~ad~~ engaged to
produce in the Ho:
of C. the scheme of
Instructions which
we wished the "home
Commission" to send
out to India -

Since then, I have

Wellcome Ms 5481

had the great joy of
being in constant
communication with
Sir John Lawrence, &
of receiving his
commands to do
what I had almost
lost the hope of being
allowed to do- viz.
of sending out full
statements & schemes
of what we want
the Presidency Commissions
to do-

I should be glad
to submit to you
copies of papers of
mine, which he
desired me to write
& which he took out

with him- as to the
constitution of the
Presidency Commissions,
if you care to see
them. They are, of
course, confidential-
===

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

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

{printed address upside down:} 32, South Street,

Grosvenor Square. W.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/64/2

to father our plans
upon it.

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

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

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

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

Ever yours sincerely
F.N.

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

Remember, we shall
want you in February
when we are all
to be blown into

Wellcome Ms 5481

atoms.

[end 9:269]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/65 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f163

32 South St W
Dec 22/63

Private {up diag}

My dear Dr. Farr

[9:269]

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

With regard to your question:--
there is no Civil Hospital of a
large size in England which can
be called "a model".

[16:582]

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

[end 9:269]

But I am not sure that

did the ground allow of it,
it would not be better to
arrange similar double Pavilions
in the shape of a square,
with open corners, as in the form
of Yarmouth Naval Hospl= (p. 98)

For a Civil Hospital, I think
the entire separation between
the sexes, & the *single* Pavilion
far preferable, as in the
Lariboisière. The defects of
the Lariboisière are its three
floors, its Pavilions too near
each other, & its abominable
artificial ventilation- which
neutralizes half its good.

In a Civil Hospital, each
ward (& each floor consequently)

Wellcome Ms 5481

should be as separate &
complete in itself as a family
living on a flat in Paris

This is why I prefer the
Lariboisière plan.

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

(p. 93)

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

You don't want a CAT! do you,
for your young people - a
Persian, NOT thorough= bred,
4 ½ months old.

I ought to send a copy of my "Notes
on Hospitals" to *Warrentrapp*. Can you [Warrentrapp]
tell me his address, & how to send
it? Did you see him at Berlin?

[end 16:582]

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typed copy 43399 f167

Private {up diag}

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

Jan 2/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I have not laid aside [9:271]
(out of my heart) what
you said in your note
of Dec 22 about the
"Weekly Table" in Calcutta
&c. It is so very important.

We have been engaged,
without intermission,
since Sir John Lawrence
went; & by his desire,--
in drawing up a kind
of general scheme of
what is wanted in

Wellcome Ms 5481

Indian Stations -
water supply
drainage
construction of Barracks
means of employment
for soldiers

&c &c &c &c -

This is now gone to
press- On Tuesday
the joint W.O. and I.O. Commission,
for which I have toiled
& moiled, holds its
first Meeting - to
discuss the proposed
Barrack plans for
India & the general
scheme above alluded
to -

Dr. Sutherland will
propose the "Weekly
Table". And, if carried,
you will be applied to
for a *Form*.

I hope, if there is any
thing different from the
English form
necessary, you will {overtop are} be
ready with your
scheme -

Sir John Lawrence's
presence at the other
end is an immense
thing for us -

And I shall moil
& toil at him & his

Wellcome Ms 5481

private Secretary,
whom he sent here
to me- as well as coming
himself- before starting_
 ever yours sincerely

F.N.

I think I told you that
we can't get "copies of
(any of) the Indian attacks",
altho' I send Ld Stanley
to Sir C. Wood for them.
They are venomous. [I
have seen some of them].
But when Parliament
meets, Sir C. Wood is
to lay them before the
House - in a *civiller* form-
And we are to answer them_

[end 9:271]

5474/67 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399
f169

Private {up diag}

32, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

7/1/64

My dear Dr. Farr

On Tuesday the
proposal to have your
Weekly Table for
Calcutta Madras &
Bombay, with an
ultimate view to its
extension throughout
India, was carried
at the joint I.O. and
W.O. Commission -
as the best means

[9:271-72]

Wellcome Ms 5481

of carrying out the
recommendations as
to registration of
your Royal Commission.

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

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

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

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 9:272]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/68 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f170

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

Dear Dr. Farr

As I have not heard
from your Holiness,
will this section on
the Registration do as
a basis?

Please ~~give~~ let your
Infallibility give your
decision, so that it
may be embodied in
a Bull -

And send us all
the Forms referred to
in it.

One of the (most) Faithful
F. Nightingale

5474/69 initialed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f182

115 Park St. W.
Feb 4/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I send two letters of **[9:274]** **[15:615]**
your friend Dr. Mühry
anent the India Army
Sanitary Report. [I sent
him a copy of the two
folio Vols:] Please to
return the letters to me. **[end 9:274]**

[The intermediate
letter, to which he refers,
was an immense
German letter which
he wrote to me,
defending the Schleswig

Wellcome Ms 5481

Holstein ~~gr~~ independence

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

[end 15:615]

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

5474/70 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43399 f192

115 Park St. W.

Feb 16/64

[16:656-57]

My dear Dr. Farr

I have first to thank you for your "jolly" little ink=stand, on the true practical principle. Second, to thank you for your truly witty ~~Article~~ Letter in the M. Times - But I also greatly enjoyed the two adverse Articles - it is the only comfort & amusement I have

to see men shewing themselves up in that way.

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

ever yours truly

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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

[end]

F.N.

5474/71/1-2 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43399 f193

Private (up diag)

[16:657]

115 Park St. W.

Feb 23/64

My dear Dr. Farr

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

Mr. Simon, for the
Pr. C., selected Dr.
Bristowe, of St. Thomas',
& Mr. T. Holmes of
St. George's to make an
investigation & report
of all the Hospitals
in England & Wales -

Wellcome Ms 5481

the principal Hospitals
of Scotland & Ireland
- and some of the
continental Hospitals.

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

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

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

I take it, their

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/71/1

conclusions are at
variance with your
Statistics.

You will now
understand Bristowe's
letter in the "M. Times".

I say too, let us
have the whole matter
out - the more
discussion, the better.
Let us know whether
they are killing or
curing the people
in Hospitals.

But I am not so
sure that the Pr. C.
Report will not
damage us for the moment

[end]

5474/71/2

made at Sir John
Lawrence's desire,--
& which would
already have reached
him, were we not
still waiting for
Mr. Rawlinson's bit.

Neither have I ever
thanked ~~you~~ for Mr.
Hammick for his
packet of Berlin
Internat: Congress
papers, which he
was so good as to
send me - Will
you kindly do so?

ever yours
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/72 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400
f27 with date 1865

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
March 30/64

My dear Dr. Farr

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

F. Nightingale
I wrote to Ld Stanley about
the Returns. But pray

let us set to work at
once - with the Reply,
as you propose. F.N.

5474/73/1-3 initialed letter, 5ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f202

Private {up diag}
Hampstead NW

Aug 5/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I will attend to
what you wish (about
the Bath Meeting)- &
in the mean time I
send you a copy of the
first fruits of your
R. India Army Sanitary
Commission, with your
Section on Registration
in it. [Probably you
have received a copy
already.] Sir J. Lawrence
has been writing home

[9:371-72]

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most impatiently for it.
And I have sent him
copies direct by H.M.'s
Bookpost. [It is
understood that some
time in the course of
the present century
he will receive them
officially from the
Ind. Off. It took the
members of the Commn=
7½ months to sign
their names to this
document.]

You are aware of

the fruits of your India
R. Commissn= in the
creation by Sir John
Lawrence of the three
Presidency Commissions,
(of which the Bengal
one is working actively.
He sometimes sends
me its minutes).
and in his willingness
to carry out any
suggestion sent him
by the home Commn=
- indeed he is more
willing to hear than
they to pray.

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5474/73/1

I am sorry to hear of your griefs. I do not find that mine close my heart to those of others - and I should be more than anxious to hear of *yours* - you who have been our faithful friend for so many years. I had heard of your father's death, but not of any other loss Sidney Herbert has been dead three years on the 2nd=. And these

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three years have been nothing but a slow undermining of all he has done (at the W.O.) This is the bitterest grief. The mere personal craving after a beloved presence I feel as nothing- A few years at most & that will be over. But the other is never over - For me, I look forward to pursuing God's work soon in another of his

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worlds. I do not
look forward with
any craving to seeing
again those I have
lost (in the very next
world)- sure that
that will all come
in His own good time
- & sure of my willingness
to work in whichever
of His worlds I am
most wanted, with
or without those dear
fellow workers, as
He pleases. But this

does not at all
soothe the pain of
seeing men wantonly
deface the work *here*
of some of His best
workers.

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

Alas! Good Tulloch.
But I think his
work was done. Pray,
if you speak of him,
remember_ had it
not been_ for him,
where would our

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two Army Sanitary
enquiries have been?

I had not heard
about Dr. Thomson.

I am very sorry.

ever yours sincerely,
overflowingly

F.N.

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

The thunder of the India
military authorities has been

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

Sir J. Lawrence sent
me word of this.

The India Off: were
to receive this remonstrance.
But they have subsided
& make no sign. Tho'

it must have been
at least two months
before the end of the
Session that they
received it, & Sir C.
Wood promised &
threatened to lay it
before the Ho: of C., he
wisely held his tongue.
And no soul has
heard of the receipt
by the I.O.

[end 9:372]

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F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/74 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f209

Private {up diag}

Hampstead N.W.

[15:600-01]

Sept 28/64

My dear Dr. Farr

You ask me for any of my books (on the Crimean War) for Mr Elliot, U.S.

I have sent to your Office what poor Sidney Herbert used to call my "coxcombs", viz. the lilac & the green folios, containing calculations & Diagrams, mainly, or rather wholly yours - Pray put these at his disposal -

I have the greatest difficulty in getting a copy of my "Evidence before the R. Commission" at all. And

the only form, in which I can lay hold of it, is in the old Edition of my "Notes on Hospitals" - captured, as you see, from Mudie's. For the Editions (2) are entirely out of print.

If he chooses to have this, it is much at his service.

I also send, but this is *not at all* at his service, my "Confidential" private Report to Lord Panmure. If he wants it merely for the figures, as Actuary, the figures, again, mainly yours) & will destroy it

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without using it any farther,
he may have it. But *you*
must answer for him.
I never take the word, from
sad experience of a Yankee
or a R. Catholic convert.
And if you *can't* answer
for him, please send me
back the Vol: to 115 Park St.
It is full of imputations,
too true, upon individuals
which time makes it
more instead of less
undesirable, to bring forward
now. I don't know whether
you know how repeatedly
the Federal Govt= have
applied for this - how it
has been uniformly refused
- how the Bp of London gave

a copy, obtained from Ld
Panmure, to the Bp of Ohio,
(Bishops by the way are as
bad as Yankees) who gave
it to the Federal Govt=,
where my faithful Muir
(Inspector Genl=) found it in
the very act of being
re=printed, notwithstang=
their solemn promise to the
contrary, re: captured it,
& solemnly wrote home
about it.

You will not wonder
that I am absurdly cautious
after this -

ever yrs
F.N.

[end 15:601]

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5474/75 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43399 f226

27 Norfolk Street

Park Lane W.

Dec 6/64

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[9:378]

It is proposed that
the Forms shall be
filled up by native
Village Officers & native
Police -

that the filled up Forms
be sent by them to the
Public Health Officer of
District or City (this

Officer is a purely Inspecting Officer to see that the
Health Machinery is kept in operation)

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

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

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

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

[9:378]

Believe me

Wellcome Ms 5481

ever yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

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5474/76/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
f229

27. Norfolk Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dec 9/64

My dear Dr. Farr

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

[9:378-79]

practicable -

I now send you the
Madras proposal for
registering the Deaths &

Births

in Cantonments.

1. The Cantonment Sanitary
Committee [to be
appointed under the
Act] to keep the
Registers in their Office
2. The Public Health
Officer of the Cantonment
to be Registrar without
fees.
3. Father or mother to

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report Birth of child
within 15 days.
Neglect entails fine up
to 50 rupees.

4. Some person present
at Death to report
to Registrar within
8 days, under penalties
up to 50 rupees.

5. Persons giving
information of Births
or Deaths shall sign
their names in
Register Book.
Registration incomplete
without this.

6. Police Officers of
Cantonments to inform
themselves of all
Births & Deaths - &
to send Certified
lists at the end of
each week to Public
Health Officer

7. Census of Cantonment
to be taken.

Pray let us have
any observations of
yours upon this.

Sir John Lawrence
started for India
a twelvemonth this

very

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day. And how much
he has already done
for us- I believe
he would receive &
adopt with eagerness
any proposal of the
nature you mention.
And I should not
feel the least scruple
in forwarding it to
him directly &
privately. We never
get anything *done*
in any other way.

[end 9:379]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

5474/77 draft, 2ff, pen, copy 43400 f63

1. The P.O. Savings Bank allows of the accumulation of capital by working men
1. Mr. Gladstone's Insurance & Annuity Act enables this accumulated capital to be vested periodically in two ways
 - a. as Annuity
 - b. as Insurance
2. It would apparently be very advisable to add to this facilities for purchasing small freeholds.
3. The first step to enable this to be done is to remove every legal obstacle, at present existing, to title, purchase, registration, transfer of land, within the specified limits - so that land could be as freely dealt in & as easily identified as any other commodity
4. A limit must however be fixed, so that the existing law of primogeniture & entail should exist as at present - subject only to the exceptions to be mentioned.
5. in these exceptional cases, women must

[16:682-83]

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inherit freehold, even without will.

6. it would be unadvisable to apply the enabling law to the whole surface of the country. It should be limited to cities, towns, populous places, villages - indeed to all groups of population & to a certain distance beyond the out-skirts or defined legal boundaries of these groups - in order to provide for increase of population

8. within the limits, the law should declare that the leaseholds of all lands & of houses built on them shall, in future, go together_ i.e. that the lease of the land & the lease of the house must never be held by two different people - an existing abuse which has had a fatal influence on the interests of working classes in towns, as well as on town & house architecture - so that English houses are about the worst built in the world

9. having then abolished by law separate lease holds & introduced perfect freedom

of trade in land within the prescribed limits - leave the price of freeholds to settle itself on the principles of supply & demand - granting every legal facility, as already stated.

10. You will thus have land, where it is wanted as an investment by the working man for house or cottage-building brought into immediate relation with his savings in the P.O. Savings Bank - & an investment offered which, of all others, the working-man most covets.

11. In all places where there are constituted authorities, the existing law provides that houses must be built, after the plans are approved by the authority.

In villages this would hardly be necessary

12. The objects gained would be: -

- a. a new outlet for savings
- b. improved social position & independence (by giving the man an object in life)
- c. all such men would have votes.

NB.

Rest assured that none of them would vote

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for a "Radical" to take their property from

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them - & no man of this class would believe he was a "slave", because he was told so from the hustings.

[end]

5474/78 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400 f3

Dr. Leith's Report

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

4/1/65

My dear Dr. Farr

I send you back [9:394]
a Revise (with your proof) of the answer to Dr. Leith's Report. In looking over Mr Strachey's Tables, you may possibly find some illustrative matter which you would like to add to the Revise. If you

add anything, please return the Revise as soon as you can.

It would be very curious, if the Mortality & Invaliding, in Mr. Strachey's Tables, could be compared with the Mortality & Invaliding, separately, of the years preceding 1858. Do these figures not lead to

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a suspicion that the
Indian Mortality
was augmented in
former years by the
low rate of Invaliding,
if there were such,
compared to the high
rate since the
Mutiny? If so,
it is to be feared
that Sanitary
improvement has
had little do to with **[end 9:394]**
{illeg part of line cut out} Death=rate,
{illeg part of line cut out} &

expiry of time have
lowered the rate -
The W.O. Commission **[9:394]**

meets on Friday to
sign Dr. Leith's doom
(answer, I mean.) If
possible, it would be
a great advantage to
us to have your
opinion by that time **[end 9:394]**
Believe me
ever yours sincerely
{ signature cut out}

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5474/79/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy
43400 f6

Private {up diag}

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
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23/1/65

[16:679-80]

My dear Dr. Farr

I have received a
proxy paper from
St. Mary's Hospital
& shall of course vote
for Dr. Edward Smith.
Can you tell me a
Governor who is going
to vote for him
whose name I may
put in? Are you a
Governor, & may I
use your name? & send
the paper to you? The Election
is on January 31.

You ask me what ~~you~~
I think of his Diet
theories. You must
please take what I
say with several grains
of salt. For I have
not yet had time to
finish his book.

It appears to me, if
it is intended to be
Physiological, not to be
physiological - & if
intended to be practical,
not to be practical.

Take it & compare it

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with Lyon Playfair's
article on Diet in
"Good Words" for January
(?) And Playfair strikes
you at once as master
of his subject - the
other not.

As an illustration
of what I mean, I send
you Dr. E. Smith's
Indian Diet, which
doubtless you have seen,
& the note which
accompanied it. I
pointed out to him
that the statements
in his own pamphlet
did not at all bear out

the conclusions in his
note. And, if the
second note means
anything but that he
wants a vote, it means
that he retracts all
he said in the first.

He appears to me
to be continually
generalizing thus on
insufficient or ill-
digested premises, &
drawing unfounded
principles for conclusions.

Then, he always ignores
that, after Chemistry
has done her very best
to compound for us

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exactly the best diet,
nature often says
she will have none
of it. And she will
have something else.
And that it is experience
only, not chemistry,
which is the ultimate
appeal.

But for all this, Dr.
Edward Smith is so
immeasurably superior
to those brutes who
go on without observing
or concluding or
generalizing at all

vide 1. the wretched
Medical evidence at
the Holborn Union
enquiry, 2. about St. Thomas'-
removal

&c &c &c &c

That I should always
vote for Dr. E. Smith's
success -

[end]

Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale
Please return me his
Indian Diet & correspondence
at your leisure.

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5474/80 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} typed copy
43400 f14

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

[16:683-84]

9/2/65

My dear Dr Farr

I reproach myself with
not having told you
what I have done
about you & the Institut.

The members I have
written to say:

"To be sure Dr. Farr
ought & must be
of the Institut" -

(Unfortunately I know no
members of your Academy_
And I can only work at
it indirectly.)

"Barthélemi St Hilaire"

has been "instantly lectured"
(by one of the men I wrote to)
"about Dr. Farr, and what"
he (my {overtop this} man) "knows of
him; and he will work
zealously. There is one
danger. Mac Culloch was
Associe' Etranger, of whom
there are only six, and
for whom they choose
flashy people, of the
Broughamite class,
mostly hollow drums
who in their time have
made a noise, such as

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"frivolous & superficial great men, like Guizot, Thiers et id genus," can hear. "Dr. Farr ~~who~~ is a much superior man but works officially." "But it must be tried, and if it cannot be, we must try to make him correspondent of the Academy; the correspondents are proposed by the different Sections. In Dr. Farr's case it would be the Section d'économie politique et Statistique.

"It is composed of 6 members, with 3 of whom" he (my man) is "on a good & with 3 others on a bad footing. We shall see what can be done, but at first try the succession of MacCulloch_ There is much of a lottery in every election - the frivolity, ignorance and indifference of the electors being an unknown but enormous element."

"I have preached to-day some members of the Académie morale about Dr. Farr, and it seems to me that his prospects are good"

[end]

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5474/81 signed letter, 1f, pen {black-edged paper} copy 43400 f18
[5:175]

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
22/2/65

My dear Dr. Farr

A friend of mine sends
me the following query,
with regard to Government
Annuity schemes for the
poor:--

"Might not the Govt=
use their security for
the benefit of the poor,
farming them out to
Bankers & money-dealers,
so as to obtain a higher
rate of interest than
is given in the Funds -

"the Government, in short,
to become a dealer
in money for the
benefit of the poor."
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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5474/82 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper} [5:175]

27 Norfolk Street
Park Lane W.
23/2/65

My dear Dr. Farr

I am delighted with
your Tables & paper on
Government Life Insurance.
I predict that you & Mr.
Gladstone will do away
with the (Public House)
Societies.

Would it not be
advisable now to write
a *VERY popular* Tract,
(annexing to it the
Tables) such as the
working classes can

easily

understand, & circulate
it among all the parishes
in England, so as to
inform the working men
of the benefits they
may secure to themselves?

I look at p. 15, and
I think that any man,
with ordinary industry
& who can keep out of
the Public house, may
be able to purchase an
Annuity of £30 - And
so by degrees Poor Rates
will diminish & become
"beautifully less".

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{seemingly a cut piece of paper possibly glued onto page:}
Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

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5474/83 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} copy 43400 f19

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

25/2/65

[16:680-81]

My dear Dr. Farr

I have heard from
Paris about your "Weekly"
- the gist of what I
have heard being that,
if you agitate for it,
you will get it.

"The Weekly List is
not made out_
but Haussmann
could get it made.
He is an intelligent
scoundrel, and
if the Registrar General

"can explain to him
the utility & importance
of the thing, and if
Lord Cowley will
interest himself
in it & poke his
ribs, it will be
made."

Haussmann has published
lately "a Report of the
Inspectors of Mortality ,
on the Mortality of the
last 10 years in Paris"-

No doubt you have this.

He is going to send
it to me.

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2. About your affairs:--

"Dr. Farr's affairs
are going on tolerably.
It was from the
beginning hopeless
to propose him
for a foreign
member. They have
now made their
list- Gladstone

Stuart Mill
Whewell.

They will name
Gladstone, because
they adore Ministers,
- having mostly
been so themselves,
and are in general
a superficial crew
of politicals. But

"Dr. Farr ought, &
I hope will be
named Correspondent"

"I think it will be done;
only in elections one is
never sure before the end."

This is what I hear;
I don't know what
they call "tolerably."

I am disappointed
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

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5474/84

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

March 29/65

My dear Dr. Farr

I am always for the
assault, you know -
it will be *most*
adviseable to obtain
the returns you ask
for. Let us take
the Malakhoff.

The only point which
occurs to us, on looking
at your forms, is-
whether you should

not keep the Invaliding,
separate from the
time-expired column.
But of this you are
the best judge.

Your R. Commission
sent forms out to
Bengal & Madras
(in 1861, I think -
Mr. Baker has a
copy, no doubt, of
the Minute or letter
to the India Office,
forwarding the forms)

asking for the latest
statistical details.
And no notice was
taken of them.

in haste
ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

I have a multitude
of printed papers, private,
from Sir J. Lawrence's
head quarters, by Indian
Mail, just arrived.
And it really is
melancholy & ludicrous

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to compare their
assertion of well -
chosen sites & Stations with
the facts they reveal.
But they are doing
their work manfully.
Let us help them.

[end 9:514]

F.N.

5474/85 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 4/65

My dear Dr. Farr

I have received the
enclosed Table from
Calcutta this very mornng.
Dr. Sutherland thinks
it will be in your
line. Pray return it
to me when not
wanted.

[9:383-84]

The Table is by Dr.
Bagden of the Medical
Department. [There was

[name?]

no time, the covering
letter says, to calculate
the percentages before
mail.]

[end 9:384]

Thank you 1000 times
for "Government Insurances
& Annuities." Depend
upon it, you are the
great "Bill"- not the
Union Chargeability Bill
- You are the great
President of the Poor
Laws - not Mr. Villiers_

[166:684]

[end]

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You see Lord Stanley has [9:384]
moved for your Returns.
We hope to see soon
your reply Probably,
in the course of 10
years, the Returns
may come in.

[end 9:384]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/86 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 5/65

My dear Dr. Farr

As I sent you one
imperfect Bengal Table
yesterday, so I send
you another, received
only this morning, (by
the Bombay mail,)
dated 6th March - the
other being dated 22nd
February.

Please return it to
me, when not wanted

A propos [5:175]

of your "Plain Rules" for
Annuities & Insurances,
would it not be
better to *page* your
last page about
"P.O. Savings' Banks"?

It is referred to in
the text as p. 20 -
but there is no p.
20 on it.

You have no idea
how stupid some
people, particularly

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servants, are. I doubt
whether many mistresses
take the same pains
that I do with the
education of their
servants. And yet
I am afraid few
would understand
"Plain Rules"

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/87 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400
f32

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

April 8/65

[16:684]

My dear Dr. Farr

I send you St.
Bartholomew's, tho',
no doubt, you have
received a copy.
Please to return it
to me, with your
remarks. I think
the Saint deserves
the greatest credit.
But, before I praise

the Saint & worship
at his shrine, I
should like to have
your judgement
whether there is
anything more he
ought to do, before
he is canonized by
us. (which, you
know, is a much
more critical thing

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than his being
canonized by Rome.)
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I want a great many
more of your "Plain
Rules" for Government
Insurances & Annuities.
Are they to be bought?
I cannot find
that they are.

[end]

F.N.

5474/88 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43400 f33

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

April 16/65

My dear Dr. Farr

I send you two
more Indian Statistical
Tables - arrived by
last mail. But they
don't seem to take
any account of the
Invaliding.

Please return me,
with your comments,
the whole of these (4)
Statistical Tables.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/89/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen
5474/89/1

~~32~~ 34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

May 10/65

My dear Dr. Farr

Both Dr. Sutherland and
I have gone over your very able
reply, & compared it with
the Despatch. Your reasoning
on the facts is conclusive.
Would it not be advisable,
also {overtop too}, to bring out (at the end)
tersely the points at issue?
The great body of the public
do not understand a
word of the controversy -
(no more, in fact, does the
Government of India)--
and the Pall Mall Gazette

[9:399-400]

shews- that all that this
class of people want is:
to get something to say
which {overtop what} they do understand.

It is easy to lay hold of
the general impression
that the R. Commission
told a falsehood. It is
not so easy for the same
people to understand
how it was that the R.
Commission did *not* tell
a falsehood.

A few roundly true
assertions, prominently
put forward, either at
the beginning or the end,

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would meet the case _

Would something_ as follows,
(proposed for your consideration)
do? - - - - -

1. To point out & establish
briefly what the Death-rate
was, up to the time of the
conclusion of the enquiry of
the Commissioners? - quite
terse - the fewer words, the better.

2. To point out that the
jubilation of the Govt= of India
is based on returns obtained
since the close of the enquiry
of the Commission- *and for
too short a period to be
reliable,* as yet.

[3. To point out that the

R. Commission actually sent
forms to India to be filled
up for the years following
those, for which they were
able to find {overtop give} Returns at home,
and that no reply was
ever sent, altho' the
publication of the Report
was delayed for nearly
2 years in waiting for
them.]

4. To point out that the
Sanitary state of Stations
is not to be estimated
solely by Mortality, but
by the diseases attacking
persons there- and that,
viewed from this point,

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it cannot be said that any of the Stations, put forward by the India Govt= as well chosen, are healthy; as, at all of them, fever, dysentery, cholera have prevailed.

5. That, whatever sanitary improvements may, in the estimation of the Govt= of India, have been carried out, it is quite certain that the Stational Reports published in Vol. II of the R. Commission Report, shew that all the Stations were, at that date, suffering from diseases, the result of bad Sanitary condition - & that the condition of a

great many of them was bad indeed.

[6. That, wherever the R. Commissioners had any evidence in proof of improvements having been carried out, they noticed it - & were only sorry they had so little to notice of this kind.]

7. That the new evidence brought forward by the India Govt=, in this Despatch, is confirmatory of the conclusion of the R.C., as to the possibility of

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lowering the Death-rate
to the ratio estimated by
the R.C_ _ and that, after
this Despatch, the public
will have every reason to
be indignant, if the high
Death-rate of the British
Army in India is not
swept away.

Lord Stanley should sign
alone - or with you -
We agree that it would
be better to have the two
Replies to the Government
of India

and to Dr. Leith separate
- but called for together -
But this is a matter for
Lord Stanley to decide.
truly

[end 9:400] ever yours most

F. Nightingale
{printed address upside down:}
32 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

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5474/90 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} [5:173]

Private {up diag}

June 9/65

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

My dear Dr. Farr

As you & I have gone
together about the Insurance
Working Man question,
what do you think of the
enclosed?

You know how isolated
I have been from Ho: of C.
men since Sidney Herbert's
death. Yet this is a thing
which could only be pressed
thro' Ho: of C. men -

The whole has been
suggested by your own
work -

Could you give me a
competent opinion on

whether it is feasible?
Could you suggest any
means or man by which
or whom it might be
pressed & carried forward?
[I do not mean Social
Science Meetings] & not
in my name.

[end 5:173]

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I have taken means to
have immediate copies
of your Reply to the
Govt= of India, when
printed.

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Our dear friend Hilary [1:448]
is less suffering - more
quiescence in the disease -

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more prospect of its being
prolonged- no hope of
recovery -

God will decide.

I cannot join the cry
of satisfaction at prolonged
life. But, as I say, that
is for God.

Neither she nor I have
any prospect but that
of increasing suffering
until death. But how
much more I dread it
for her than for myself. **[end 1:448]**

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please not to mention the
enclosed to any one, till
I have heard what Mr.
Gladstone says of it. {Mr. Villiers
{approves

5474/91 signed letter, 1f, pen

If you have it already,
please return me | July 7/65
my copy. F.N. 34 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W. **[16:443]**

My dear Dr. Farr

I send you the *second*
copy I have been able to
lay my hands on - in
order that you may get
it noticed in the "Times",
(which, I believe, was
your intention,) together
with the Return of Deaths
&c Queen's Troops 1856-64
which you called for,
(8 June Ho: of C.) But
the "Times" will not say
anything right, unless
you tell it how -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

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5474/92 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag} Hampstead N.W.
Sept 2/65

[16:443]

My dear Dr. Farr

There has been nothing in the "Times" (nor in any newspaper I know of) in reference to your reply to the Govt= of India.

I think it of the utmost importance that you should have a short pithy paper, which would certainly force attention to it, at the Birmingham Meeting. Tell the object of your doing so. But always give Sir J. Lawrence credit for practical support (which he always gives) to us.

Let your paper - while scattering people's illusions unmercifully- have a practical bearing

The newspaper paragraph about the Herbert Hospl= was written by the same hand apparently which informed us last year that the Hospl= was a ruin, & this year that it was to be given over for a Barrack - which report was believed in, even by M. Husson of Paris. The fact is, that the building has been ~~given up to the~~ handed over to the Purveyor in Chief for sick.

I don't think I ever thanked you for your letter about the Herbert Hospl=, so gracious & grateful to me. Yours are almost the only letters I ever {overtop have} had about Sidney Herbert, which really soothe my wounded soul.

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Our dear friend, Hilary is dying painfully [1:449]
- the only wonder is how she lives thro'
each 24 hours. But the suffering is
much less acute- and the wandering of
mind much less painful.

[end 16:444]

Believe me

ever yours

{signature cut}

Please address, if you are so good
as to write

34 South Street W.
(as before.)

5474/93 unfinished letter, 2ff, pen {part of letter cut at end}
[1:449]

Sept 6/65

Dear Dr. Farr

I cannot say the
gratitude to God with
which I write that
"our dear friend", as
you have often called
Hilary Carter, was
released this morning
early. The end was
peace - but the
suffering had been
cruel. I know scarcely
a human being of
whom one feels so sure

that she is gone to a
higher & more perfect
service.

My thoughts turn to you
in this, as they have
done in many
previous sorrows. [end 1:449]

Would you kindly tell
Mr. Hammick & Mr.
Clode, as from us?
Some weeks ago I
had a very kind
note from Mr. Hammick
of enquiry & concern
about her, which I

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sent to her family,
because I knew it
would give them
pleasure -
{page cut}

5474/94 signed letter, 1f, pen

Sept 14/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Dr. Farr

The enclosed has been
sent me from Simlah
for your opinion.

Please give it me
ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

5474/95/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper} **[6:526]**

5474/95/1

Private {up diag} Oct 19/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Dr. Farr

I thank you for the
enclosed. You have hit
the right nail on the head,
as you always do. Till
there is a Weekly Return
of stock-horses, cows,
sheep, pigs &c (it goes to
my heart not to include
cats) with Deaths &
Causes of Death (among
which I do not include
John Bull's love of
butcher's meat) no good

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will be done. And the present cattle plague would be a benefit, if it brought this about. Ld Palmerston is a great loss. I speak for the country & myself- He was a powerful protector to me - especially since Sidney Herbert's death. I never asked him to do {overtop for} anything - you may be sure I did not ask

him often - but he did it - for the last nine years. He did not do himself justice. If the right thing was to be done, he made a joke, but he did it. He will not leave his impress on the age - but he did the country good service. Except L. Napoleon, whose death might be the greatest good or the greatest evil, I doubt whether there is any man's loss which will so affect Europe- He was the only man who

could drag a/too liberal Bill - especially in the Poor Law - thro' the Cabinet_ That was his great power with us - No one will be able to manage this Cabinet now- He was a humbug - but he knew it himself - & L was not a muff- [Sir G. Lewis was both a muff & a humbug.] He was, at heart, the most liberal man we had left. I have lost, in

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him a powerful friend.

I hear spoken of as

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his successors

Clarendon

Russell

Granville

Ld Clarendon it is said
the Queen wishes - & she
has been corresponding
with him privately -
perhaps by Ld Palmerston's
own desire -

But I believe the real
question is under which
(if any) of these, your
Mr. Gladstone will consent to remain
in office & be Leader
of the Ho: of C.

Not one of these men will
manage the Cabinet as

Ld Palmerston did.

But I dare say you have
more trustworthy information
than I have.

I would Ld Palmerston
had lived another Session.
We should have got
something done at the
Poor Law Board, which
we shall not now -

Ld Russell is so queer -
tempered- I quite dread
his Premiership, if it comes.

ever yours most

truly

F. Nightingale

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5474/96 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} typed copy 43400
f92

Dec 5/65
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

You must have thought
me dead, or demented -
I hope not ungrateful-
for not having answered
your many kind letters
before

1. I sent your instructive
remarks on the (Indian)
First Annual Report
by the first mail after
I received them.

And I am sure they
will do good.

[I will return you
Major Graham's letter-]

I have no doubt that we
shall receive permission
to make use of the
{published} Report.

Sir J. Lawrence is perfectly
liberal.

And I will send you one.

In the mean time, you
have done him the
greatest of good services.

2. About your babies:---

[6:527]

I know no book such
as you desire.

The thing for you to do
would be to apply to
the Cattle Plague
Commissioners, who will

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make you out a Report
immediately - without
any enquiry whatever &
without any facts
whatever.

What a fine thing that is
to be able to do!

If the facts are wrong,
"so much the worse
for the facts."

There is no book giving you
what you want about
European babies. There
are plenty of books
which "*think*" so & so -
no book which really
tells one facts- & no
woman that I know of: Of
all the horrid things I ever saw, is the

Nursing (or rather the massacre) of Enfans
Trouves by the far. *famed* Sisters of Chari ty. **[end 6:527]**

3. Please thank Mr. Clode
4. for his two numbers of
the Brit: Med: Journal
They are very interesting
(about the Indian question)

5. I sent your note
(about Dr. Piels) to
Capt. Galton at once.
It is well worth trial.

5. I am thankful you
have got the Cattle
enumeration into your
hands

[end 6:527]

ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

[6:527]

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5474/97 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} typed copy
43400 f95

Dec 12/65
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I am afraid of keeping
your valuable Forms,
lest you should want
them.

The Vienna description
of child management,
minus a considerable
amount of the care
bestowed in Germany
on children - *plus* a
considerable quantity of
opium - will afford

[6:527]

a good idea of Child
management in England.
I will however, make our
King's Coll: Hosp: Nurses
write an account, if they
can.

The difficulty is: that child
management in England
differs as much
between cotton spinners,
& flax spinners, between Cornish
miners, & colliers, agricultural labourers &c &c
as between different
European countries.
The child's way of life always succumbs
to the domestic necessities
& way of life.

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[Consult Dr. Lyon Playfair's
report on Lancashire
in the Health of Towns
Commission Reports -
1842-4]

Ask Medical men in
Manchester to write a
Report for you.

Your Tables are very
interesting- And now
the causes of these
great differences in
Death-rates should be
examined.

Fiat justitia: Ruat caelum
Vivat "Baby" -

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

[end 6:527

5474/98/1-2 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, 43400 f103

[2]

The compensation to my
disturbed state of
mind has been a
convert to the Sanitary
cause I have made
for Madras - No less
a person than Lord
Napier. [I managed
to scramble up to see
him before he sailed]

[9:543]

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2.

About your Prison Mortality
paper, I have ascertained
from the W.O. that
there is to be no Meeting
of their Commission before
Ellis & Sutherland come
back. So I have kept
your paper for Dr.

[end 9:543]

[16:446]

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Sutherland to see *here*
before it goes into Committee.

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3.

*Don't forget to send me
a "RECENSEMENT" for my
Directeur de l'Assistance
Publique at Paris - who
asked for it.*

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

My happiness was so bound up
in those two guns we have got
back from Bhotan. But Sir J.
Lawrence won't give them to
Ld Hartington. He will give
them to me _ And I shall
mount them on the noble
leads attached to this
mansion. And I shall

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[3]

teach my cats to be Artillery
men. And I shall use
them against all my
enemies of Victoria St
& Pall Mall (including
Dr. Sutherland)

By the way, have
you seen Surgeon
Rennie's attack upon
you "Story of the
Bhotan War" p. 235 -
upon your "Nosology" -
"sun-stroke" -

F.N.

[end]

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5474/99/1-3 signed letter, 6ff, pen & pencil {black-edged paper}, copy
43400 f100

Private {up diag} 19/1/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have a great deal
to thank you for & a
great deal to say -
but less than usual
time & strength to say
it with.

Dr. Sutherland
has been sent to
Algeria with my
Indians - (they might
just as well have
been sent to stare at

Astley's) and I have
all his ~~own~~ business
besides my own, to do.
If it could be done,
I should not mind.
I had just as soon
wear out in two
months as in two
years. So the work
be done. But it can't.
It is just like two
men going into
business with a million
each. The one suddenly

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with-draws. The other
may work {overtop wear} himself to
the bone - but he can't
meet the engagements
with one million which
he made with two.
Add to this, I have
been so ill since the
beginning of the year
as to be often unable
to have my position
moved from pain
for 48 hours at a time

But to business.

1. I thank you immensely **[9:543]**
for your note on
determining Prison

Mortality.

It was after this wise: —
Bengal Sanitary Commn=
wrote to me privately
for it. I said: write
officially- In the mean
time I asked you: &
you kindly sent (& I
sent to them) a note
on the way of determining
Prison Mortality -

This, your *great* note,
I should much like
to await Dr. Sutherland's
return, as the Indians
have got your little
note. And I have

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[2]

written to the Army
Sanitary Comm: here
to say so -

You shall hear -

I don't want them
to have any important
Meetings till Dr. S.'s
return -

But - bless your heart-
Dr. S. thinks the world
moves round himself-
& that all business
stops naturally till
he comes back - both
in India & in England.
He makes no arrangement
for it while he is
away.

[end 9:543]

[II]

I send you the (same
which you had before)
Bengal First Sanitary
Report - only with
its Appendix on -

Also, some M.S.
Notes thereon from
India, which please
return to me - when
done with -

I believe there is
a copy of the Report
coming for you, which
I shall forward to
you instantly - But
in the mean time

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I send you mine -
because you can, and
I can't, make most
telling use of it.

I am told that, as it
has been published in
Bengal, you may make
public use of it -
which, I am sure,
is most earnestly to
be desired. [You will
remember you kindly
asked me this
question.]

I sent your note on
the (first) copy (without
Appendix) to its destination

[III]

I wish I could do any
thing more for R.D.
Thomson's family.
I am bitterly disappointed
at Ld Russell's letter
but not surprised.
I am entirely without
influence there now
Or if I have any, it
would be like that of
the man driving the
pig *from* Cork, to
make it go *to* Cork.

{printed address upside down:}

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Could Lord
Shaftesbury
do anything? I have

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[3]

lost a powerful friend
in Lord Palmerston-
I rarely asked him
to do anything in the
Cabinet, as you may
suppose. But, if ever
I did, he made a
joke. But he did it.
To my mind, he was
a far greater man
than his successor

IV

I thank you much for
Quetelet's letter -
which I return.

V.

M. Husson, Directeur
de l'Administration
generale de l'Assistance
publique, at Paris,
whom I dare say
you know, & with
whom I am on the
most "affectionate"
terms, writes:
"J'ai également x x x lu

dans nos journaux que le
recensement des classes
pauvres venait d'avoir
lieu pour toute la
Grande Bretagne. Si cet
important travail de
statistique a été public,
je serais très désireux
d'en, posséder un exemplaire,
et j'ai encore recours à
votre obligeance pour
me le procurer x x x"

Does he mean your
Census? And, if so,
would you be kind
enough to send me a
(another) copy for him?
~~Or does he mean~~

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I have lately sent

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him (at his request)
all our Poor Law Board
published) documents ?

I will write again
to morrow
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

5474/100 signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil, black-edged, typed copy
43400 f104

March 13/66 **[16:685]**
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W,

My dear Dr. Farr

These people worry
me past my patience.

But I have looked
now thro' all my
stores, & cannot
find one copy left
of the Forms which
you were so good as
to send out & which
they have "mislaid"?

Have you any

copies of the Forms
which you were kind
enough to send round
for us to all the
Hospitals?

If so, would you be so
good as to send me
one copy? returning
me the enclosed,
(which makes me
so impatient) -

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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5474/101 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, 43400 f105

June 19/66 [8:171-72]
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I never seem to write
to you unless I want
something.

M. Husson, Director
of the Assistance Publique
at Paris, & one of the
best administrators in
Europe, is coming over
(from Paris) from July
1 to July 6 to study
the Poor Law system
in London.

Among other things,
he asks me to apply
to Mr. Villiers [I have

done so but am referred
to you, as they have not
what M. Husson wants]
for the *Statistics of Mortality
of Lying-in Women in
the London Workhouses*
& if possible, in those
of the great towns in
England.

[M. Husson is going
to publish these
Statistics for all Europe.]

Wellcome Ms 5481

I have never told you
how valuable we thought
your paper on Infant
Mortality.

[6:528]

Nor have I ever
thanked you for all
your kindnesses in
sending me interesting
papers -

Nor have I ever thanked
Mr. Clode for his Cattle
Plague Mortality Returns.
Please do so. You will
be the saving of the
nation in that matter.
But you know what
I think as to the Cattle
{page cut}

Plague Commissioners.

Let them rest *not* in
peace
England will be ashamed
of herself some day
about that.
May I send you a copy
of a Report from the
New York Emigration
Commissioners?- And
will you look at the
pages I have turned
down as to the Mortality?
in the ships.
- It has had this good
effect, that *our* Emigration
Commissioners will now
{page cut}

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/102 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South Street, {printed address:} [8:172]
Park Lane,
London. W.
June 25/66

My dear Dr. Farr

Many thanks for your
note of June 23.

I communicated your
kind offer of assistance
to M. Husson - And
he writes a very
grateful note in return

He would like very
much to have, if it
were possible, for every
Lying-in Hospital, & for
every Dispensary which
attends Lyings-in at

the women's own homes
(including, I suppose,
of course, Workhouses
in ~~the~~ "Lying in Hospitals"
Tables filled up something
like what I enclose.
But, if there were no
distinction of causes
of Death, the column
"Total" would suffice.

Have you any means
whereby Tables such
as this could be filled up?

Or could you kindly
procure for M. Husson

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copies of the Reports
of Lying-in Institutions,
in order to have the
proportion of Deaths
to Cases, as he desires?-

I know how much this
is to ask. [Frenchmen don't
distinguish Lying-in Institutions
from Lying-in Wards of Workhouses.]

M. Husson alludes
very feelingly to his
desire that you should
obtain the place of
Correspondent to the
"Académie des Sciences

Morales et Politiques",
of which he is a
member. And he
hopes that your assistance
(of this kind) may be
a step to it. These
Frenchmen don't all
well know how great your
labours & how great
their results have
been. in haste

Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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5474/103 signed letter, 1f, pen

[6:529]

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

My dear Dr. Farr

Many thanks for
your note about the
Cholera -

I have looked in
vain in the "Times"
for your 'daily Return'.

If it is printed,
would it be too much
to ask you to send
it me? - as long as
you publish daily Returns.

Indeed I think

it most lamentable - &
almost a signal of
the retrogression of
England in these
matters - to see the
want of any efficient
action or organization
in such an out-break,
as far as measures
of prevention go -

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/104/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen {black=edged paper}, copy 43400
f108

Private 35 South Street,
& *Confidential* {up diag} Park Lane,
London. W.
Sept 29/66

My dear Dr. Farr

I have never answered
yours of Sept 14

I am sorry to say that
we can't give you a
paper on our "results"
in India. Dr. Sutherland
is inspecting at Gibraltar.
And, in the deepest
mystery, I tell you that
I am not at all satisfied
with the way we are
getting on in India.
It is a long story - & one

which I may trouble you
with some day - but not
now. By an incredible
fatality, despatches of
Sir J. Lawrence have been
twice mislaid this year
for some months at
the India Office - one
of January 20 was not
found till May 5 -
& then only by Sir J.
Lawrence writing to me
with his own hand an
Abstract of his own
Despatch - On June 18
Lord de Grey answered
it. That very night

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Ministers were beaten.

And Lord de Grey's
answer was not sent.

The consequence is, that
there is no Sanitary
Service - really to speak
of- at this moment
in India - tho' it has
been preparing for years.

I must thank you now
most cordially for
sending me your Daily
& Weekly Returns.

[6:529-30]

I am thankful to see that
Cholera is declining -
[mainly thro' your exertions]
But ought it not to
decline faster, now the

tide is turned?

You say well: that people
ought not to relax their
exertions yet.

And what a farce, a
cruel farce, that Sanitary
Act has been -

As has been truly {overtop true} said,
it is the local Boards of
Works themselves that
create the nuisances
they are intended to
remove -

And memorializing
the Secretary of State is so
much waste paper -

But my experience is
that, both as to Sanitary
law & as to Poor law, the

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Boards of Guardians constantly
undertake to administer
the law, merely in order to defeat
it.

I am not "cursing &
swearing", merely for
the sake of cursing &
swearing, but to shew
that, if you had not
"kicked up a row," (like
a lion on a coat of arms)
nothing would have been
done.

You know I am entirely
recalcitrant, as to your
Mr. Simon's Merits.
Mr. Simon is an arrangement
of the Privy Council for

making the bigger Body,
which is a big quack,
appear (to the lesser Bodies,
who are little quacks,)
to know something.

Mr. Simon, not perhaps
more than but in common
with, Doctors in general-
(with some splendid
exceptions, of which
I put Mr. Paget at the
head) has, during the
last few years, been
bringing down Medicine,
including Sanitary Science,
from a profession to a
trade - a trade, that is,
to sell an Article called
a prescription (or an

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operation to the sick individual, said to be for his health - & also a much more critical prescription, equally an article of trade, to the sick nation, represented by the Privy Council (for £1500 a year) said to be for the health of the nation. But what makes me most frantic is that Mr. Simon, who is a pluralist in every sense of the word, never "paye's de sa personne"- Bad as we are at the War Office, Poor & Law Boards, & in India, we should never

accept Mr. Simon's second-hand Reports. We always inspect, *ourselves*- in person.

Now you will say I am a Nuisance - & come under the Nuisances Removal Act. And Mr. Simon, if you write to him, will gladly put it in force against me. But I shall have been the only nuisance Mr. Simon will ever have removed.

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

{printed address upside down:} 35 South Street,

Park Lane,
London. W.

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Could you kindly tell me,
some day [it is for a
practical purpose]
what the Mortality
of *Romsey*
(Hampshire)
is?
And what it *ought*
to be?

F. Nightingale

29/9/66

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35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Oct 17/66

My dear Dr. Farr

[12:166-67]

I am very much obliged
to you for your note &
also for your note &
also for your Address -
which I had been trying
to get in full - of course
you will publish it
separately.

I will not now take
up your time about the
Garrett-Stewart Nurse
question - only just to
say this: -
in a *practical* trade
like mine, it does not

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do to go solely upon the
"Supply of Nurses on
economic principles."
The "Supply & demand"
principle taken *alone*
-tho' I hope I always
bow down to it - is a
fallacy. i.e. as Miss Garrett
(is said to have) put it.

It leaves out altogether
the most important
element - viz. the state
of public opinion - the
degree of education of
public opinion at the
time. You have to

educate public opinion
up to the state of
wanting a good Article.
Because the public
pays heartily for it,
(or highly for it,) is not
at all always evidence
that it *is* a good Article.
On the contrary -

E.g. you would not say
that Morrison's Pills,
Holloway's Ointment, Old
Parr's Life Pills, which
have certainly been paid for
at a rate which Miss
Garrett assures us would
secure "good Nurses", are

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a proof of the soundness
of her principle.

E.g. again:

Many, I had almost
said, most of the Workhouse
& Hospital Matrons in
England are dear at
£30 a year.

Does Miss Garrett think
that, if we were to offer
£150 a year, we should
get a good Article at
once? -

I trow not.

And I say this from no
theory, but from actual
experience.

The demand is now so

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what she says: - that, in
epidemics, wars &
emergencies, the "Lady
Nurse" may then
come into play.

This is the very thing that
I have set my face
against, my whole life.

It was the cause of all
our misfortunes in the
Crimea. It is, in

fact, saying this: -

at times when the
greatest skill is
wanted, we will
admit the most
unskilled -

at times when the
worst cases require

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the best nursing, then
we will have the
worst nurses.

It is what the Geneva
conference said.

What *I* have said (& done)
in the poor= case is: - have always a
staff of *Trained* Nurses,
(*trained* "ladies" among
them) ready in the
Military Hospitals to go
into war - & not only
trained Nurses, but
trained Governors,
Officers of all kinds.
Why did we fail so
egregiously in the
Crimea in Officers of

all kinds but because
we adopted Miss Garrett's
principle? -

A "Lady" will train as a
Nurse *better* than a
woman of the lower
class. And there is
no better leaven among
these than a *trained* lady,
serving among them -
& NO WORSE (of this
Miss Garrett may be
assured) than an
untrained lady serving
among them. [I am
not now speaking of
Superintendents]

So far from being pleased:
by her admission about the "value

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"of 'Lady Nurses' in epidemics," I
think she has done us the
worst turn of all thereby
encouraging "ladies" to rush
in 'where angels fear to
tread,' & to think that they
can nurse *by inspiration* -
just what I am always
telling them they can't do:
It is this that makes female
work so bad - What would
you say if Miss Garrett were
to tell men that, in "wars
& epidemics," they could act
as Surgeons *by inspiration*? -
Yet, what *is* the real difference? -
Pray forgive me this long note
& believe me

ever yours sincerely

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"Questo è *il vero ultimo*".

I am so puzzled by "first,
"second & third class," (as if Miss
Garrett & Mr. Stewart were
dividing the human race
into rail=road carriages,) **[16:685]**
that I don't know whether
she considers Governesses as
"Ladies." But, if she does,
she can't be ignorant - (at
least, I am not- for I once
kept a Governesses' Hospital)
that there are unaccomplished
"Ladies" toiling away as
Governesses their miserable,
useless lives at £20 or £30
a year, who as Head
Nurses ("Sisters,") - but for
her invidious definition of
classes,- might lead useful

happy lives at £50 or £60
a year -

But then Hospital life is not
for the "upper class"- And
Governess life is -
And this unnatural prejudice
Miss Garrett appears to
support -

F.N.

I am very sorry your
Cholera is still so bad-

[end]

F.N.

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Embley

Romsey

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My dear Dr. Farr

Thank you for sending me
Miss Garrett's paper.

The looking it thro' has
considerably mollified me -
tho' I am afraid you will
think the reason why, a
very impertinent reason.
It is because the paper is
so superficial, & there are
so many inaccuracies staring
in the face of any one in
the least conversant with
Hospital life, that I don't
think it will do our cause
any harm - And I think
it clears up the ideas

very much of any person, who
is conversant with Hospital
life, to read such a paper
as this.

[I will return to the
subject of the inaccuracies.]

In the meantime, I think
your own note the best
commentary -

You say, for which I
thank you a thousand times

: -

"it" (the N. Fund) "aims
"at making nursing an art".

This puts the whole question
in six words -

And I don't know that
I want to add a word
more.

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You never yet made an
artist by paying him well.
*But an artist ought to
be well paid.*

Agreed, agreed, a thousand
times.

But Miss Garrett puts the
cart before the horse. We
get a better price for our
Article, because it is a
better Article. We did
not ~~give have~~ have a better Article,
because we gave a higher
price. [The Article did
not exist when we began
(or exceptionally only). I
will return to this.]

You say truly: -

"the payment of the Artist

"was a part of your plan"-
And we *have* secured good,
& *shall* secure better, pay
for our Artists=

[Indeed, as I have mentioned,
it is not the offer of good pay
that is ever wanting. It is -
the ~~want~~ capacity of the Artist-]

It is, of course, impossible
for me to go into Miss
Garrett's paper, at length.
For it would be, in fact,
re-writing the whole
paper-x

I will mention only a
few of the most palpable
inaccuracies.

E.g. I think the harm done
is *incalculable* by striking the
gap, page 2. between the "commercial"
& "religious" "spirit" - & by actually making
synonyms of "religious" & "volunteer". Will

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she forgive me if I say that I know none but the *most* fanatical of R. Catholic Archbishops who would write as she does on this? Certainly no R. Catholic religious order.

Inaccuracies

1. p.3. the "Matron".

In no Hospital up to the last 10 years had the "Matron" any thing to do with "overlooking" the Nursing. - scarcely even with "controlling the Nursing Department." Even at the present time, very few have - This is one of the most essential reforms we have introduced. p.5. (describing the "Lady" system-)

"The main difference is "that the control no longer "rests with the Matron".

What can she mean by this? Is it because we have changed

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the word to *Superintendent*, because ~~the~~ a "Matron" does not properly "control" or "superintend" the "Nursing Department,") that she makes this blunder? - She mentions "King's College Hospital immediately afterwards - as being under this régime- p.6.

Now, the only Civil Hospitals I know, (tho', of course, I must not be quoted on this) where the "Nursing Department" is *really* "under the control of the Matron" are:

Kings College
St. Thomas' -

tho' Mrs. Wardroper is called
Matron

& Miss Jones Lady Supt=.

[Indeed, by the *enemy* I have frequently been told that

the latter "controls" too much.]

2. The question of "economy" is inaccurately introduced, not only by Miss Garrett X but by the "Lancet"- & Middlesex Hospital)

X p.p.6,7,8, & passim.

It is generally very little known that King's College Hospital pays as much for the services of St. John's House as the usual price Also: that a "Sister" (lady) is never refused because she cannot serve gratuitously or pay for her board - - & that many, including the very best superiors I have ever known, receive a salary.

But, you see, Miss G. can assert this.

And I can't answer her.
Of course I am not at liberty

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to publish these particulars.

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But I have repeatedly & positively refused to be a party in assisting any Hospital to make a treaty with any Sisterhood for the sake of "economy".

Even in R.C. countries, where Hospitals are, as a rule, nursed by Sisterhood, the Civil administration always pays for them. Where the Order has no foundation, this payment constitutes their only support, & that of their other works.

They are earning their own livelihood in exactly the same sense as our paid Nurses are - only that the payment is made to the "Sisterhood" & not to the "Sister". But, at King's Coll= Hosp:, the payment is made to the "Sister"-

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Is it not a pity that Miss G. should not have informed herself on these subjects? -

3. p. 9.

Where does Miss Garrett find that "a lady, with very little "training, does hospital "nursing (or any other art) "in a first- rate way"-- She must have very little idea of what "first-rate" Hospital Nursing is: The "idea" of even the French Sisterhoods is so different from Miss Garrett's that they, who fall under ~~their~~ her ban, consider from 3 to 5 years the time of training - And I consider 2 years the minimum.

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Three fourths of the whole mischief in women's lives in England is that they suppose themselves exceptions from the laws of training to which men bow -

And here is Miss Garrett encouraging this fatal idea.

However, as Dr. Stewart represents me as "giving up" "ladies" (as Nurses) because they *can't* undergo the training necessary," he rather neutralizes Miss G.

4. p.9.

Miss G. likens "Nursing" to "cooking & dusting."

~~As~~ I think the poor Patient would find a very great difference if the "mistress

of the household" were to send the "cook" or the "housemaid", instead of going herself, & procuring a qualified Nurse, to attend upon her sick husband or child.

The fruit of my whole life is indeed lost, if people have not got farther than this - if they still confuse Nursing with cleaning.

The head-nurse has nothing to do ~~but what~~ with these, farther than to superintend them, exactly as the "Mistress of a household." But many a life has been lost because the Head Nurse did not know how (or did not choose) to do the operations of "la petite chirurgie," especially for men= Patients - And the fact is, that no "cook" or

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"duster" can perform these
properly- & that the
more "cultivated" the woman,
IF trained the less she {*IF* underlined 5 times}
shirks them.

But I would say the same,
in an inferior degree, for
the Under Nurse. Her
work is not at all the same
as that of an under= servant.
Least of all is the Night=Nurses's.
5. p. 12.

The two "reforms" which
Miss G. suggests are: -
what? -

1. good wages
2. supervision by night.

I think I might perpetrate a
very bad joke on this.
But I refrain.
I resume your immortal phrase

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about "an Art".

And I would ask Miss G.
to apply her Panacea, her
Morison's Pills, to the "reform"
of any other "art"- & see how
it will do.

Take the "Art" of Sculpture-
[Michael Angelo is said to
have worked very much at
night at his sculpture,
with a candle stuck in
a ball of clay on his head,
during the Siege of Florence]

Let us ask Michael Angelo
whether
(1.) good pay
(2.) night supervision
would "reform" sculpture.

But let us take what
Miss G. ~~glazes~~: - gives as
her reasons: -

- (1.) good pay.

She quotes, p. 12, a "report"
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which has received more blame than its utter incompetency was worth - for appointing the "reporters" of which the Master was called over the coals - the Offices of the Hospitals (to which they belonged) laughing at the transparent job - the very passage which she quotes was known to be a covert assault on the two most valuable ~~Hospitals~~ of Officers of the Hospital- in order to insinuate that the "improvement" in the Nursing was due - not to their training but to the higher pay which the "N. Fund" enabled them to give. And this very passage Miss G. endorses with her authority.

Surely this is putting the cart before the horse, with a vengeance!
Or rather, it is "climbing o'er the house to unlock the little gate."
The "little gate" is unlocked by the little key - viz. that, in St. Thomas' there is, thanks to Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield, the best Training= School in Europe - & that the Hospital replenishes its own Staff from these trained Nurses -
And Miss G. & Dr. Bristowe attribute the "improvement" chiefly to the "pay"!!!!
Guy's has improved its "pay" but not its "Nursing" - except in as far as it has taken some of our Nurses_
But this, again, you see I can't

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say-

I wish I had had ten minutes' conversation with Miss G. before she wrote her paper.

I think she would have written it differently.

[I believe Miss G.'s own Art is Midwifery - & that she excels in it.

Would she apply her principles to her own Art? -]
N.B. I wish, [p.13] to "attract" to the service a ~~far~~ better class than "domestic servants." *They have that* career open to them. But even an "Under Nurse's" life in a Hospital requires far more intelligence, power of control & of self-control than any "domestic servant's." It is not merely a question of being "less comfortable"- p. 14.

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(2) p. 14. "Night supervision"
The night is the only time
when no real "*supervision*"
or training *can* be given -
And therefore the Night
Nurses ought to be such &
so trained as to require
no "supervision."

For, i. it is a fiction.

is there to be one Night
Superintendent? -

how can she give assistance
or "supervision" in an ~~suddenly~~
alarming case? - in 10 or 20 wards?

how can she even see in 10
or 20 wards whether the Nurse
is awake? -

ii. Or is there to be a Night=
Superintendent in each ward?

Then she had much better be the
Night Nurse herself. In ordinary
wards, there had much better
be but one sitter=~~up~~- & that
an experienced one -

To be giving directions, or
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"supervision" at night is
intolerable - other than
what every competent Head
Nurse gives (from her little
room adjoining the ward,
where she ought always to
sleep) when she has bad cases
I exclude wars & Cholera
epidemics from the above.
In Cholera epidemics, such is
the stress & pressure that
the Staff ought often to be
exactly the same by Night
as it is by day. i.e. there
should be two staffs, one
for night, one for day.
I exclude War= Hospitals -
because the Orderlies are often
new to their work - the
cases are urgent. I, for one,
found it necessary to be about

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nearly the whole of the night,
"superintending the Night= Nursing".

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6. (p. 14-)

"Je suis de l'avis de Monsieur
pour la raison contraire".

"Je suis de l'avis" entirely

"de" Miss G. in what she

says here about

"remunerated work

among women of the

educated class.

But she does not appear

to be aware that it is done

already.

P. 17. She does not appear

aware that exactly what

she recommends, Paras 1 & 2,

is done already.

The salary is taken & returned

indirectly -

It is done by my Supt= of

the Liverpool Workhouse

Infirmary & by many others

who are "ladies," with

"private incomes".

But Miss G. has so mixed

up "religious," "volunteers,"

"educated," "ladies," & other

words that not only I but

others had not the least

idea that she meant this.

And this is done already.

I will only repeat here that

she is not aware of the

immense harm she does

in the minds of what she

calls the "commercial" class

by separating - nay by

setting in opposition ~~to~~ -

the "religious" & the

"commercial" motive (or

"spirit"?-)

She may explain it as

she will - No explanation

will remove it.

The good ones say: - what!

won't she credit us with a

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"religious" motive? -

The bad ones say: - Ay, our
betters allow that this can
only be done for money.

"The labourer is worthy of his
hire." The Clergy work for
pay - & yet are *supposed*
to be "religious".

Would Miss G. apply her
"commercial" & her "religious"
line of demarcation to the
clergy? -

7.p.19.

I have already said what
I thought about Miss G.'s
view of "volunteer help" in
emergencies. She really
seems to think that ~~pu~~
"stimulus" is the main duty
of a Nurse. "Novelty" the
main importance of her ~~duty~~ presence
I can hardly say how curiously

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that passage read to me who have had really ~~the~~ charge of crowded War= Hospitals, including "Cholera" & all other "emergencies".

I am afraid I should indulge in a most indecorous laugh at her expence, but that the subject is really too fatally serious.

With regard to her conclusions, p.p. 19, 20, 21 - they are incorrect- or unproved -
Conclusion

{Conclusion 'boxed in' }

1. why should she limit it to a class?
2. is absolutely defeating her own principle of "supply & demand". The idea of limiting the maximum!! It is besides incorrect. A good *training* Head Nurse is worth more than £50 & gets more.
3. Incorrect.
4. Contradictory -
A Lady Supt= need *not* be unpaid & *MUST* be trained.
In no case, does the "volunteer" untrained system have such fatal effects as in that of a Supt=
5. *Entirely* agree. But is {overtop it} it ~~seems~~ not contradictory to "4"?
6. Miss G. is ~~entirely~~ ignorant of the conditions of her question. She omits altogether India, Australia, & Village Nursing in England. If I could shew her my correspondence for one year, she would see how wholly incorrect her premises are. [In a requisition I had from India, one item was "193-"
!!!] ~~illeg~~

I will only just add: -
1. with regard to separating the

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"religious" from the "commercial" element.

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I never do so -

E.g. I take up the first letter
lying under my hand from
this morning's post.

It is from a Delhi Missionary.

It concerns a "lady" now
training at our School.

He entreats me to get her
to wait till they can raise
the Salary so as to make
the Delhi appointment
worth her acceptance.

We are now training - "ladies",
salaried "ladies" - for New
South Wales. This "lady" was
to have had the appointment-
She will now have to choose
between Delhi & Sydney.

She is not only "religious" but
a Missionary.

[What can Miss G. be dreaming
about?] And I am not at all above making
the best bargain for my "ladies"

2. Ceteris paribus, it is not
true, Miss G.'s principle - [Only

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that I scarcely know what
her principle is.]

Good nurses are much the
same all over the world -
whether Augustinian nuns
or paid Nurses -

But, ten years ago, the
average Nursing of the
Paris Hospitals, nursed
by Augustinian & other nuns,
was *far higher* than the
average nursing of the
London Hospitals.

This is a *fact*, & not a theory.

The former were trained, the latter not -

God speed the good Nurse

I say again, wherever,
whatever & whoever she
is.

But don't suppose that
I advocate UNpaid Nurses,
because I think "*paid*
Nurses" a ridiculous criterion
of ye excellence - of {overtop for} Nursing -
[7] F. Nightingale

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Private Oct 31/66

[16:691-92]

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London. W. {printed address

x-out w/ diag line}

My dear Dr. Farr

A thousand thanks for
your wise, kind & suggestive
note.

In reply to your query, -
they have not yet sent
us the information about
Romsey - viz. what *is*
the Death= rate of Romsey? -
what *ought* to be the
Death rate of Romsey? -

In reply to Miss Garrett,
I do not at all doubt,
as to "Matrons": - that she

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can cite "two Hospitals" where
she knows the Matron to
have no control over the
Nursing -

I can cite all the Hospitals
in London, *except* "two,"
where the Matron has
no real control over the
Nursing.

Those two are: -

St. Thomas'

King's College

And the latter of these is
nursed by a Sisterhood.

The fact is: that a Matron
having real control over
the Nursing is a modern
invention.

Ten years ago, it did not exist.

And even now, in most
English Hospitals, a Matron
only walks thro' the wards
once a day (at 10 A.M.)
to see that it is clean
under the beds -
has little real control over
the Nurses - & none at
all over the Head Nurses -
who defy her, even in
cases of drunkenness, by
appeal.

I *think* one of the Hospitals
to which Miss Garrett alludes

~~apt~~ is University Coll: -

Now I should ~~appeal~~ "refer" to
University Coll: as a Hospital {overtop illeg}
which *is* nursed by ladies,
where the ladies are *untrained*,
where the Nursing is *not*
improved - where the
Matron has no authority
nor the superintendts either

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[She (the Supt=) signs herself "Mother
of All the Saints!!!

She does not reside in
the Hospital]

I should appeal to St.
George's Hospital to shew
the utter failure of
"Night Superintendence"
(of Nursing.)

I should appeal to Guy's
&c &c, where wages are
high, & Nursing is *not*
improved -

Many other instances could
I give her out of my
perpetual correspondence
with County Hospitals.
But you are quite right
in saying that I could not

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enter into any controversy -

We have years to work
before we ought to begin to
talk -

Though, of all people, I am
the one who most recommend
publicity, who am always
urging the utmost
possible publicity in Hospitals,
- yet, such a discussion
as Mr. Hastings recommends
would do nothing but
harm at present.

Miss Garrett & her
discussion has done nothing
but harm, ~~in-as~~ so far as it
is known.

E.g. how could I put
in the papers the facts
I have given you in my

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letters? -

Besides, I have no time.

I must work -

Ten years hence, we will discuss.

No discussion ever made an Artist yet.

in great haste

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

N.B. I re-echo entirely &

with my whole heart

your wise sentence: -

"so I look to the ordinary organization of work on sound principles for the main supply of Nurses - as of Doctors."

So do I.

But as I & others have

understood Miss Garrett, she would exclude Rosa Bonheur, (unless indeed R. Bonheur was untrained & acted for an "emergency") from Art.

And, did you know a

most remarkable woman

aged 23, a Duchess Colonna,

who exhibited sculpture

at the Royal Academy this

year - she works harder

than a journeyman Mason

- works for money - & asserts

that all she has done - is

: - "J'ai bien travaillé."

The test of fitness for volunteer, for "religious" work has been made by some-

by no means all - R. Catholics

- & Miss Garrett has been

understood (perhaps

misunderstood) to support

this view - to be: the

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circumstance of being able
to serve without pay.

I remember our Mr. Clough
saying: - *he* would make
the test: to be able to
command pay.

How entirely I agree with
him!

how noble I think that
sentiment.

And I am happy to say
that I know many
"religious" women, who
have entered the Nursing
Service on Mr. Clough's
principle, from a
religious motive, (tho'
~~unable~~ compelled to support
themselves & others by their
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Park Lane,
London. W.

exertions) & have
been able to
"command pay".

Long live then the principle of the

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"religious" "motive" which
trains itself so well as
to be able to *command*
the highest pay!

Amen.

says F.N.

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[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/108 signed letter, 2ff, pen, copy 43400 f149

Embley

Romsey

Nov 16/66

[16:693]

My dear Dr. Farr

Very many thanks for your
Romsey Statistics -

You say: - "something must
be wrong. What is it?"--

Everything is wrong - parti=
cularly the drainage.

Your Mortality note has
produced a "*sensation
prolongée*", in the hands
of the very energetic &
enlightened Doctor, who
is much interested about
drainage.

He says: - "I am *glad*

"that Romsey has so high a
"Death= rate in the Tables -
"- it certainly deserves it -
"- the sanitary arrangements
"are detestable."

This unusual sentiment I
re-echo.

But= you know= "la,
reconnaissance n'est qu'un
vif sentiment des
bienfaits futurs" - my
Doctor of Romsey now
asks you the same
questions for Winchester.

What is the Mortality of
Winchester?

What ought it to be? -

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You know, I dare say, that
the drainage arrangements
of Winchester are
"detestable" == & that my
cousin, M.P. for Winchester,
& I are on terms of a
"mortal & undying hatred",
because he won't do
anything and I will.
I am sorry to give you this
trouble, if you are so
very kind as to take
it for us, about Winchester.
But I think it does good.
You see {overtop know} a communication
from the Registrar General's
Office to us provincials

is a moving event - [end]
ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

5474/109 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400
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Embley

Romsey

Nov 20/66

My dear Dr. Farr

Very many thanks for your
Winchester Statistics -

And now again I come: -
you know, "la reconnaissance
&c".

In order to help the
Sanitary work at Romsey,
could you send me the
Diseases, especially the
Zymotic ones, which
make up Romsey Death=
rate?

I have seen these (for
10 years) in a Report of

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yours (which I think I
must have in London)
You know how faithful I am
to Lord Palmerston.
Eighteen years ago, he sent
Dr. Sutherland down to
Romsey to inspect -
My father has a letter of
his, (written in his
busiest time) of 12 pages,
about Romsey sanitary
affairs.

You know, I have no doubt,
that Romsey is one of
the oldest towns {overtop illeg} in England
- about the same age
as Winchester. Winchester

has sunk about 14 ft-
Romsey more - vide her
Abbey -
You ask - what is the
matter? -
Damp, dirt, bad drainage,
over-crowding is the
matter -
There is probably a cess=
pool under every old house -
And the river Test permeates
the sub=soil- And probably
every house might
obtain water under
its own floor -
The whole level of the
town is below the water.
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/110 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43400 f152

Nov 23/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
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London. W.

[16:693]

My dear Dr. Farr

Do you remember sending
me the card enclosed? -

I am exceedingly glad that
you are going to "statisticate"
"the convicts."

This is one result of your
work about the India prisons.

I have been asked to
ask you to send me a draft
for us to see, if you will
kindly allow it.

== Very many thanks for the
Romsey & Winchester Statistics

- I hope it will bear fruit.

[end]

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

5474/111 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}, typed copy 43400
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Private {up diag} Dec 19/66 [16:695]

{Middlesex}

{Hospital }

{Secretary}

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have already had a
request from Lady Herbert,
very difficult to me to
refuse, because it was
urged on the ground of
Sidney Herbert, to whom

Mr. *Watson's* recommender,

Mr. Wyatt, was devoted -

But I did refuse it -

And I am glad of it,

because I should think

your recommendation a

much higher one than

Mr. Wyatt's

[I have also had an

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application from a third
person, a Mr. Seymour,
whom I don't think
much about.]

But I am obliged to refuse
you, however unwillingly,
for this reason: -

It is not only as Secretary (to
the Middlesex Hospital)
for which your word for
your protégé would be
quite enough & more than
enough for me, that
the appointment is to be
made - but as "Secretary"
and "Resident Superintendent".
Now this may be an Office

quite as special (in a Hospl=)
& requiring quite as special
qualifications as that of a
Supt= of Nurses -

I am quite unable, overworked
as I am, to make such
enquiries either as to the
duties of the Office or as
to the competency of the
Officer for fulfilling them,
as would alone justify
me in voting.

I have told Lady Herbert
that, when she remembers,
in Sidney Herbert's days,
the excessive care in
enquiry taken to select
Officers- out of the whole
Army- for similar posts
in Military Hospitals -
she cannot but see that

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the Supt= (of a Hospital)
must not only be a
competent man, but must
have had training, - and
that I cannot give the time
& strength to investigate
these things.

I would take your word
for a Statistical man
sooner than that of any
man in Europe or America
- if that were all.

I fear poor "Middlesex" is
in a bad way on many
accounts - with which
moral reflection pray
believe me, tho' in haste,

[end]

Ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

5474/112/1-2 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen & pencil, typed copy 43400
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its object)- what
mischief would he not
make out of *any one*
line which I have
written to you? ----!

I therefore commend
it to your utmost
discretion.

And now I do hope,
my dear Dr. Farr, that
this is the very last word
you ever will hear
from me on this
matter - [tho' many, I
hope, on many others]

My best friends have
always recommended

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me never to answer,
never to read even
any public mis=state
ments about my plans -

And, if I did, my whole
life would have been
taken up with
discussion - especially
for the first 5 years
after the Crimean War.

And I mean rigidly
to adhere to this in
future.
My reason for giving you
so much trouble ~~was~~
on this occasion was
that I was myself
quoted - This was the
statement made to me

not from one but from
many

[and I must say that,
after reading what
Dr. Stewart himself
states that he said,
I should myself
have put the same
construction upon it
which my informants
did]

"that a Dr. Stewart was
in the possession of a
private letter from
me to him, in which
I stated that, after
having applied the
"N. Fund" to a scheme
for nursing Hospitals
by "volunteer ladies",

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I had been forced to
relinquish this "source
of supply" & to alter
my scheme, falling
back on the humbler
Nurse, because I had
found that "ladies"
would not submit
to training".
Dr. Stewart himself
re= iterates *that he
said that I said*
what amounts to this.
Whereas I cannot see
in Mr. H.B. Carter's
letter, taken in connection
with the proposal of
the Middlesex Hospital,
(to which it was a reply,)

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one word which can
be forced into such
a construction.
But I really mean this
to be the very last word
I shall write on the
subject.
What *he* says & what I
say, after all, matters
little.
The real truth is in
what you said: -
that Nursing is an Art-
that an Art must be
acquired by diligent
training
that the Artist must
command the highest
market pay for her

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art- not from any
standard set up by
Miss Garrett or Miss
Nightingale or Miss
Any body- but from
her own exertions & value_
that no *class* should be
excluded from any
Art-
that each individual
Artist should be taken
on her own merits
wherever you can
get her, & trained
to the highest
perfection to command
the highest pay.

It is perfectly true (what
I see alluded to in the
unfortunate letter) that
I have always said **[8:95]**
to Mrs. Wardroper &
to H.B. Carter -

our object out to
be to take *any* woman
from *any* class, of *any*
church (provided
her qualifications are
suitable) & train her
as well as we can -
& then, make the
best bargain we can
on her behalf for pay.
I have also said - if **[end 8:95]**
a R. Catholic nun
comes & will submit

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to our Regulations, to be
trained, take her.]

I trust that God will
grant you patience
(if that is not profane)
to read me - This is
really

Finis.

And believe me

dear Dr. Farr

ever yours gratefully

& sincerely, tho' exactingly, [in pencil]

your Howling Friend

Florence Nightingale

5474/113 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy 43400 f157

Jan 4/67

[16:695]

35 South Street, {printed address:}

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London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have kept the enclosed

P. Stat.

too long. But I have looked
them carefully over. And
so has Dr. Sutherland.

[I had not the opportunity
of shewing them to him
before to day.]

The Tables we think very
good.

But ought they not to
have put in a column
for State of Health
(& disease, if any) at
time of discharge from
prison after expiry

of term of imprisonment
or at time of transfer
to another prison? -

At p.p. 6,7 & seqq such
a column might perhaps
come in best -

[end]

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/114 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f166

May 20/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

Many, many thanks for
your note of May 11,
your Report & two
halves (Saint Teresa said
that she began her reform
with a Saint and a half.)

I keep them all, upon
my principle of: - Never
give but always take.

I want a safe passage
to substitute for another
in a new ~~edition~~ reprint of the
"Working-Class Edition" of my
"Notes on Nursing". Referring

to female skirts I say: -

"I wish the Reg. Gen.
would tell us the exact
number of deaths of
burning occasioned
by this absurd &
hideous custom".

What would be a safe
statement as to Deaths
from clothes catching fire
in women at the
"fashionable" ages

to put into my text? -
If you would be so very
good as to tell me this
without much trouble,
I should be, as ever,

your debtor & always
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/115/1-3 signed letter, 6ff, pen & pencil, typed copy 43400 f170

May 22/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I am exceedingly obliged
to you for your holocausts -
which are just what I
wanted. But, they are very shocking. {'they are' overtop illeg}

With regard to Mr. Lewis'
question: - it reminds me
of a great many things: -
1. I meant long ago to have
sent for your kind
acceptance a copy of a
paper on Workhouse Nursing
(which I was asked for
by the Poor Law Board)
& which has been presented
in a Report to the Ho: of C.)

& an abstract of it, which
I was asked for by many
Hospitals.

Also: - I send a copy of a
pamphlet on District Nursing,
actually established by
Mr. Rathbone in Liverpool
(the pamphlet is by him) -
Till we have such District
Nursing in London, we
shall have done nothing
- even when we have
reformed all the Hospitals
& all the Workhouses.

[You know I always concurred
with you: - Hospitals belong
to a stage of imperfect,
or rather of non=, civilization.]

Also: - I send an account of

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the best Workh: Infirmary
(that of Chorlton Union
which has yet been built.
2.

I have written nothing exactly
on the subject which Mr.
Lewis desires. I think
I sent you my "Notes on
Hospitals" - I was very
ungrateful if I did not-
But, unless you have it by
you, it may be convenient
if I send a copy now
(which please return to
me)- as Mr. Lewis may
like to look at the
Appendix (on Methods
of Nursing in Hospitals.)
I also send, as he desires,

the last Reports of the
"N. Fund."

From all this you will
gather that I look upon
the "lady," the "volunteer"--
which I suppose means
the unpaid - as a totally
subsidiary & unimportant
point in Hospital Nursing.

The two important, nay
essential points, (in
Hospital Nursing) are:-

1. that there should be
two collateral jurisdictions
 - a. the secular government
of the Hospl=
 - b. the government of the
Nurses

(as in Charing Cross Hospl

now) vide my Appendix to

[in pencil]

"Notes on Hospitals"-

2. that every woman, paid

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or unpaid, should be
trained - trained to her
Art - an Art which no
genius can conquer
without training - without
systematic, practical persevering,
continuous training by the
bed=side.

[The most singular test of
worthiness to serve God
in Nursing is: - to have
had a private fortune
left you]-

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

service most according
with the purpose of God -
of which we are capable.

The "Lancet," quoted by Miss
Garrett, says: - "the Nursing
by *ladies* is the very best
Nursing England has seen" -

Is not that type {overtop illeg} Medical
doctrine? -

Because "ladies" have
happened to produce
nurses, who are better
than drunken old sots -
therefore *all* "ladies" are
good Nurses.

Because, in some internal
affection that the Doctor
did not understand, he
gave something, & the

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Patient got well - therefore,
in all internal affections
which the Doctor does not
understand, give the same,
& the Patient will get
well.

That is the type Medical doctrine
And it would apply to
Politics just as well.

Why does Miss Jones, of King's
College & Charing Cross
Hospitals, succeed so well? -
Not because her Sisters
are "ladies," but because
they are *trained*.

When I saw Miss Garrett's
grave errors reproduced
in April's Macmillan,
I began an answer -
I never finished it,
partly because I am so

driven by business - but
mainly because, in such a
subject, I think one ought
to write as a "preacher
of righteousness," not as
a Church controversialist_
mainly because I think
one ought to write, *not* for
personalities, but for the
truth - not against Miss G.
but {overtop illeg} for conviction's sake.

Mr. Lewis' question encourages
me to go on-- to write. And I think
I shall try to write a short,
terse paper "on my Art,"
-referring only to past
~~papers~~ sayings as to fallacies
which should be avoided
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- at the next
Social
Park Lane,
Science Meeting
London. W.

where you have a Section.

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I send you the few words I
jotted down for Macmillan
(Which please consider
private & return to me
- I do *not* mean to
send it) - merely to
remind you of the view
my experience takes (for
Mr. Lewis) but *not* to shew him.

I had meant to ask you,
some day, whether you
could give me some safe,
tho' general, view - as to
1. the greater proportion of
women ("ladies"), *if* greater,
who, in England, have to
earn their own & others'
bread, than in other countries.
2. the average rate of Governesses'
salaries - [my experience

- rather an old one- being
that £50, the Hospital
Head Nurse's salary, is
rather a high Governesses'
salary.

But, as I have said, I look
upon this as quite a
subsidiary point.

My object is no more to
secure Hospital Head
Nurse's places for "ladies"
who would otherwise be
governesses- than I think
Miss Garrett's object
ought to be ~~for~~ to secure
them for the "lower middle
class." or for *any* class.
But I repeat - that Miss G.
is perfectly unaware how
many Sisters of Sisterhoods,-

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aye, Supervisors too,-- are paid,
(being absolutely penniless-)
And quite right too!!

I have been so interrupted
in writing this.

Pray excuse its incoherence
& believe me, ever, dear
Dr. Farr, yours very
sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I have recently been asked a
question about the "Female
Medical College" - & especially
about Dr. Edmunds' Lectures
- of which College I think
you are a patron -
Could you, without much
trouble, give me
your view of its usefulness,-

especially as regards the
point whether any
practical course of
clinical training is thereto
attached? It would vary
much oblige me.

F.N.

[end 8:41]

Dr. Farr
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Park Lane,
London. W.

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5474/116/1 signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f196

Private {up diag} March 3/68
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I return you with very
many thanks, Mr. Spencer
Wells.

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The figures are satisfactory
- but they would be more
satisfactory, if Mr. Sp. Wells
could take a small house
in the country, high & dry,
& operate there.

There are several points
besides which should be
noticed, - such as the state
of the Patient, the *period*
of the disease, the precautions
taken during & after the

operation - as compared
with those which
used formerly to be
taken- & the period at which it used
formerly to be operated upon.

However, this operation is
evidently entering the domain
of operative Surgery with
a fair chance of good
results.

About "M. Husson's" "lucubrations"
- it is an extremely awkward
thing for me to have to
confess that I don't know
whether I "have seen them"
or not.

He wrote to me in October,
saying they were coming.
Since then I have received

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many Hospital documents
from Paris, "Comptes Rendus"
& things - but nothing
which at all tallied with
what I supposed these
"lucubrations" were to be.
I put off writing to him; -
and now - could you
let me see the "lucubrations"
for a minute (I will
return them by
Messenger) - in order that
I may know, before I
write to M. Husson,
whether they are *not*
what I have, or whether
they are? -
About our deplorable Midwifery

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[end]

Mortality at King's Coll:,
please to observe:- the
Hospital Committee & Dr.
Priestly have told their
own story. I have not
told mine - which is, if
it were worth telling, that
the person who raked out
the Statistics & who finally
had the ward closed, was
- I. *They* wanted - to
have the ward for male
Students & for "abnormal
"cases of parturition." And
they have since applied to
us more than once to "*build*"
for them on the already
overcrowded ground of
King's Coll: Hosp: - Could
you fancy every ward in

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Private {up diag}

K.C.H. a Lying= in ward,
probably one case out of
3 might not come out
alive.

But I am too sick at heart
to make a "row."

We have had a loss quite
irreplaceable in my dear
friend & pupil, Agnes
Jones, of the Liverpool
Workhouse Infirmary.

She had the simplicity of a
child & the power, quietness
& activity of a General.
She was pretty & rich &
young & witty - & never
seemed to have had an
idea in her head but to
be "about her Father's

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"business" - And of that
business she could get
thro' as much in 6 hours
as most women in 6
months.

If you knew the difficulty
there is in replacing her!!!
- I am now wholly
absorbed in this miserable
business. I do think
it is more difficult than it
was to find a General in the
Crimea- And this is
what makes me so heart=sick,
that people talk & write
& gabble & print - and
think it will do for the
"lower middle class" - and
here am I in my old age

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trying in vain to supply a
gap of this kind out of
any class! (a well=paid position
too)

"All they (which are in Asia)
have turned against me."

"All" wo= "men forsook me."

This is what I say in my old
age- *But do not you betray me!*

ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

5474/117/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f212 [8:210]

35 South Street, Jan 23/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Dr Farr

Many thanks for your
kind promise (about the
Lying= in & Fever enquiry.)

Dr. Sutherland bids me
add now a suggestion
that, if you took all the
Births, deducting excess
in multiple births, you
would obtain the women
delivered, *minus* the
Still births - & that

on this number you might
calculate the Death-rate
We want to know the
percentage of Deaths
among women who are
delivered at home in
different Districts.
You will know so much
better than I do how to
tell what is wanted &
even what *is* wanted
that I stop here. [This is
only a Codicil to my
former Testament.]

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== Thanks too about Mr. Lewis
& the Liverpool Nursing
Statistics in Districts -
I have been having a good
deal of correspondence
with them since you
were good enough to
make those Reductions.
And you have done them
great good in putting
them on their mettle
& directing their mettle
& directing their attention
to points which, before,
they thought of no
importance- Whereas,
before, they desired
me not to return them
the 'slips', as "these 'slips'

"could be of no use to any
"one but" me - now they
have consented to keep
their slips as a record
& regularly look at
your Sheets of Reductions
(which they have now
for the purpose) to be
carefully returned to me.
In considering their Death=
rate among their Patients
nursed at home, many
things, as you say, have to be taken
into account. One is,
that *they*, (the District
Nurses,) take the Patients

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Park Lane,
W.

turned out of the Hospitals
as incurable. &c &c
But they, the Institution,
are alive now - And
a great deal of
valuable information
will be elicited, thanks
to you - upon whom,
as s mark of gratitude
for past favours, we
shall shortly return
for more -

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

5474/118/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f234 [8:221-22]

Embley
Romsey

35 South Street, Aug 7/69
Park Lane, {printed address crossed out}
W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have just received Lefort's
"Maternités" thro' your kindness
& could not restrain my
ardour from glancing thro' it
at once - but, tho' I have
done no more than this, I
must not indulge my ardour
at the expence of my
gratitude, but will thank
you at once (for the loan of it)

It is a most important
work - not however exhaustive
- & in some places disappointing
e.g. tho' the Statistical Tables

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are many & good, he does not distinguish between *Causes of Death*, as you do - also: he devotes too many pages to the different "Letters of Admission" (in different Lying= in Institutions) - which certainly don't give Puerperal Fever, (except to the reader.) Then he gives a just amount of space (& of indignation) to the Paris "Maternité" - the Death=rate of which actually reached in 1864 202 per 1000- as we see from M. Husson's Tables -

but gives no plan.

[I have never been able to procure or to see a plan of the Paris "Maternité"']

There are however valuable plans & Tables in the book of Vienna, Munich &c "Maternités". - & also *proposed* plans for Lying= in Hospitals.

Englishmen must make haste. Or these Frenchmen will out strip us.

Dr. Lefort takes my view: that, as 'women *will* have children (tho' they had much better not) there *must* be

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Midwives

& as Practical Midwifery
can only be taught *in Hospitals*,
what we have to do is to
find out the form of
Hospital which is *not*
destructive to Lying= in women.
[Like every other Frenchman,
he expends a great deal of
wrath, upon the total or
partial exclusion of
unmarried mothers from
our Lying= in Hospitals -
which, tho' I agree with
him as to its being queer
morality,) is rather will-timed
wrath, considering that poor
mothers go to Lying= in
Hospitals to die, but to
Workhouses to live -]
at least in a much greater
proportion.

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As I shall make the book a
study, I will not trouble
you with any more remarks
at present.

2. I heard that, at the
Leeds "Medical Association,"
of which I think you were
a Vice-President, a paper
was read upon *Lying= in*
Hospl= Mortalities - by whom I
know not.

*Should I gain any
new information from it?-*
Was there any discussion? -
ever, my dear Dr. Farr,
yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/119 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 43400 f234

35 South Street, June 11/72
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Dr. Farr

I have none but my old excuses: want of strength & want of time which are the same thing: for my delay in returning you the enclosed.

I have scarcely any points to raise: none which have not occurred to you a thousand times.

Your principle of obtaining a Certificate of Death from a public Medical Officer is undoubtedly the true one. About the manner of carrying it out is the only difficulty.

You propose, do you not? - in defect of a Medical Certificate to send the Officer of Health to give one after enquiry. But if the Officer of Health does his own duty as he ought (which perhaps he seldom does now) he would have but little time for private practice- which he now takes. or for any Registration duty.

[Mr. Chadwick & many others I believe wish to keep him entirely to his special work.] Even if the Officer of Health had time, is he not non= extant except in towns? - For country villages

he does not exist

Should you think of employing the Poor Law Medical Officer on this duty?

Or: simply refusing burial without a Medical certificate?

Or: empowering the clergy to send a Medical man to give the certificate?

These are merely points raised on which I am quite sure you have long since made up your mind upon sufficient evidence.

Until the *modus operandi* is settled, we could scarcely apply to Mr. Stansfeld, especially as a recommendation has already been made to him

We fear, as you must, anything which would turn the Officer of Health still farther from his duty.

[Have they not in Paris a distinct Staff of Officers- "Verificateurs" - for this work?]

Wellcome Ms 5481

I trust that you had a letter from me
thanking & paying my statutory debt for the Certificate of Death
of Mathilde von Raven -
also: with a long story about
/
 Quetelet's Physique Sociale
 its being out of print
 & Oxford final Examinations in ~~these~~

its subjects-

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5474/120 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[6:581-82]

Miss Heaton

July 13/72

Sanitary Education

{in another hand: Please return to F.N.}

My dear Dr. Farr

I should always be glad to see your
hand-writing & do anything, if I could, at your
bidding, were I ten times as busy & twice as ill
as I am.

I have a very great respect for Miss Heaton's
work- and you know whether I am not
almost inclined to attach too much importance
rather than too little to any proposal for
practically teaching Sanitary things - a matter
of life & death to millions.

Will you allow me to give such poor
advice as I can (in obedience to Miss Heaton's
request) *through you*? And then you will
forward what part, if any, is worth transmitting
to her.

As Miss Heaton so justly says: the main
difficulty lies in the training of Sanitary
teachers. There is a wide gap between
distributing Sanitary tracts & talking to Mothers'
meetings- and- a proposal to duplicate the
William Farr Esq &c &c

Wellcome Ms 5481

teaching Staff of England for Sanitary purposes
at the public cost.

Is it not a great objection to any scheme: the
making Sanitary teaching a specialty?

Should it not be carried on by existing School
agencies?- It is a branch of education= and
as such has been extremely well taught in
certain schools.

Will not a great deal of time be in all
probability lost in discussing this question
of Missionaries & getting their pay eventually
refused by Mr. Lowe?

The *principle* is beyond doubt what we all of
us most desire to see thoroughly established
Should you not 'go for' its introduction in
(Government &) *Training= Schools for Teachers*
so that the teachers, men & women, may be able
to apply the principles in their lessons?

There are several Treatises for the use of Schools.
But as to these your advice will be better than
mine.

As to Mothers' Meetings which now, thank God,
exist all over England in thousands: -
they are admirable places for giving instruction;
and to do this the ladies themselves who
hold them must observe, read up & think -
gaining *actual practical* information by going
themselves into artisans' & labourers' dwellings,
so as to apply their own superior *considering*
powers to the actual experience ~~of~~ which the poor
dwellers themselves alone can have.

It is a matter of civilization, as you would say,
in which the educated should teach the
(comparatively) uneducated.

Is there any place at present where any woman
could be sent for Sanitary training?

I know of none -

Is this either quite necessary?

Many educated women have good practical
heads - and with some reading & more thinking
& *most* observation they can say all that is

Wellcome Ms 5481

necessary to mothers.

What is wanted is: not to make parrots of them but to make them think about & *feel* about opening windows, cleaning houses, washing, dressing & feeding infants properly & c & c & c & c "minding baby", in short & "minding" sinks, utensils, drains, dust holes, refuse & c -

The more quietly & without formality (of Lectures & Staff),- the more thoroughly & efficiently.

[N.B. The great temptation of ~~women~~ mothers in the North is to go out to work in mills, even tho' they actually pay-more than they earn- in 'putting out' their infants to be killed with sleeping= mixtures- Such women would better be reached by "ladies" & "Mothers' Meetings" than by any formal organization of Lecturing - would not they? For they might actually be able to repeat all that could be taught by Lectures, as many a woman in "high life" can & yet leave their children - these to nursery= maids, those to old 'Daffy's Elixir beldames.] -

School= teaching would in time do the rest would it not?

[A woman like Miss (Dr.) Elizabeth Blackwell could do much good in a Female Teachers' Training School -] May God speed the work! ever yrs sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/121 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[6:582-84]

PRIVATE & Confidential {up diag}
2. *Miss Heaton*

July 13/72

My dear Dr. Farr

Will you allow me to confide to your absolute discretion, leaving it to this solely what you will tell Miss Heaton, some further details in answer to her letter which I enclose?-

The real difficulty is: in the training. The way she proposes viz. to send them "for a year" to the "British Nursing Asscn=" which has now at last very properly its Training= School in ~~the R. Free~~ a Hospl= (the R. Free) is: simply to turn them out rather *inferior Nurses* without any *Sanitary* knowledge at all but what is heaven= born.

[I will not trouble you with all the vicissitude of that unfortunate Asscn= - which, as often happens, I have laboured to assist almost as much as one of my own children.] It is now fairly well in its legs- with a tolerable, not highly trained, Supt= & with its School, as it ~~must~~ should always be, in a Hospital- but is still, among Nurse= Training= Schools, inferior - among *Sanitary* schools, nil.

Wellcome Ms 5481

It would be however invidious of me to say this -
especially as I should not recommend any other
-not even of my own.

Can Sanitary knowledge (for health & not for
sickness) be taught at a *Sick Nurse Training School*,
which must necessarily be in a Hospital, where
the best that can be taught of Sanitary knowledge
is: how to keep a *Sick Ward* or *Sick Room*
healthy?

I doubt it.

My experience does not at all go to finding
that a good *Sick Nurse* makes ~~a good~~ the best Children's
Nurse. or housekeeping= mother.

[You can see this even in Medicine- The best
Pathologists by no means make the best Doctors,
do they?- Does having the attention almost
exclusively directed to disease ensure attention
to the requisites for health? I doubt it.]

2. I cannot dwell sufficiently upon the necessity of
any 'lady' Sanitary teachers going about themselves
among the people, in order to ~~do~~ teach any practical good -
- knowing for themselves the conveniences or
inconveniences of the people's dwellings - what *can*
be done & *how to do it*.

Without this, all the parrot Lecturing in the world
will do no good- All the thinking & reading in
the world will only draw rules & maxims out of
their innermost 'Ich'- & rules & maxims never
cleaned a room or fed a baby. It is like
a Doctor proposing to deliver a Lying- in case
without seeing her. It is like that Dr. who
made grand schemes. (on paper) about training
"pauper women to be Nurses". When we came
to *do it*, & under the best possible auspices, we
found that the only women whom we must
absolutely exclude from nursing pauper= patients
are: the paupers- [But nothing would ever
convince the schemer.]

One must know *oneself* the Sanitary & insanitary
wants of the people & *what to do* to supply them
in order to *do it* & in order to teach them how
to do it. It is what I have done myself
all my life as long as I could 'get about'. And
I assure you I would not now undertake
practical teaching (I say it with grief) because
I can no longer 'get about' to see the defects &
how to remedy them for myself - If there is any
merit in my hints in the 'Labourer's Edition' of

Wellcome Ms 5481

'Notes on Nursing', it is that there is not a word
except of practical experience in it- And

Wellcome Ms 5481

every day we must be learning *practical* experience- Nothing stands still so little as this. If we are not *making progress* every day, we are going BACK a little every day.

But who am I to be saying this to such a Master as you are?

3. I wish I could say or do something more useful than all this. But I leave it in the hands of a Master- And that is my comfort.

The importance of Miss Heaton's work is beyond compare-

May God speed the work & the workers. I say again - & am ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

5474/122 signed letter, 1f, pencil

35 South St.

Park Lane W. Feb 27/73

My dear Dr Farr

I received your packet last night -

I thank you more than I can say for your note, & paper with its kind inscription -

I will study the books & return them to you- reporting to you any thing that may occur to me-

I have had a note from our dear friend Quetelet, telling me that he has sent me two Opuscules- one on Herschel- which

have not come - & *not* telling that he has set about his 2nd Edit: of 'Physique Sociale'-

I think I will send you the note.

Yes= indeed I was sorry for the loss of the Grand Duchess Helena- She was a noble & useful 'power' -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[14:1030]

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/123/1-2 incomplete letter, 4ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Feb 23/74

My dear Dr. Farr

I heard quite accidentally
that Quetelet died last
week at Brussels-

If it be true, you will
know it. Please tell me.

I cannot tell you how
the death of our old friend
touches me: the founder
of the most important
science in the whole world,
for upon it depends the

practical application of
every other: the Science
essential to all Political
& Social Administration,
all Education & Organiza-
=tion based on experience,
for *it only* gives ~~the~~
exact results of our
experience:

he did not live to see it
perceptibly influence
statesmanship &
government in any
practical manner:

nor to influence Education
at all -

he did not live even,
I believe, to prepare
that second Edition I
so pressed him for:

And I have not answered
his last letters: nor
thanked him for his
last pamphlet -

Some months ago, I prepared
the first sketch of an
Essay I meant to

Wellcome Ms 5481

publish & dedicate to
him of the application
of his discoveries to
explaining the plan
of God in teaching
us by these results
the laws of our moral
progress: to explaining,
in short, the path
on which we must go
if we are to discover
the laws of the Divine
Government of the
Moral World -

5474/123/2

[2]

I had pleased myself
with thinking that this
would please him -
But painful & indispensable
business had so pressed
upon me as to prevent
me from ever finishing
my sketch -
And now it is too late:
for him: or if done at all it
will only be an In
Memoriam -
And business is more painful
& pressing than ever to
prevent even this -

You who have so
worthily worked out
some of the most
important results of
the Master Science
are indeed worthy
now to give the world
some inspiring account
of our great Quetelet-

Wellcome Ms 5481

I have been at Embley
with my poor mother:
& return there in a few
weeks to bring her
away -

The last month deprived
me of two homes: my
dear Father: & Mrs-
Bracebridge, more than
mother to me -
{bottom of page covered or cut}

5474/124 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
March 4/74

My dear Dr. Farr

I cannot thank you
enough for your 2 letters:
- no one's letters are so
inspiring as yours:
- they are like a spring of
water in the desert-

I return with thanks
our dear old friend
Quetelet's Obituary sheet=
one would like to know
more of the last days
of such a man:

one is glad to think
that he had so many
kindred:
but yet I think he would
not have liked his 'sheet'-
Do you remember how he
objected to the dying
being "munis des secours
de la" R. Catholic "religion"?

Yet his was the very
highest kind of religion:
the seeking in the laws
of the Moral World which
he had done so much to
discover the action
or plan of Supreme Wisdom

Wellcome Ms 5481

& Goodness -

As soon as I have
studied your Census
Report in some small
measure as it deserves,
I shall write to you
about it: I can now
only tender my heartiest
thanks

& beg you to believe me
dear Dr. Farr
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5474/125/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen {black-edged paper}

Quetelet

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

My dear Dr. Farr

June 26/74

My own feeling would be simply
in favour of a Portrait such as you
propose. Does it not appear the best
sequitur to the Brussels Bust? Has not
one to look into the future & see whether
in raising a high class monument to him
we revere, one {overtop we} ~~are~~ is not raising a low class

monument to one self in after times?

We want to commemorate that

such a man had lived & that
such work had been done.

2. Is there much force in Medals or Scholarships
in such a case?

Have we not an absolute plethora of Statistics
& *literary* Statisticians?

My feeling and I believe yours would be
to found a Medal in memorial of
our dear friend

to encourage young men to take
existing Statistics, (his & yours & others',)
& tell us *what to do with them?*

[We want a similar Medal, do we not?, for
Meteorological observations.]

I never read Quetelet's *Physique Sociale*
(which I have done over & over again)
without being astounded as the force

Wellcome Ms 5481

of genius & of accurate observation
which has produced such a work:

but also never without feeling that
such a man should have lived 150
years instead of 75: that it is but
an Introduction & even an imperfect one
- & that the world might be reformed
& transformed [almost into the fabled
Millennium: there will be no heaven
unless we make it:] if it did but

5474/125/2

know how to *make use* of the
Statistics which Quetelet has given us
in *reforming Legislation, Government,*
Criminal Law, Education, Institutions,
Sanitary practice, &c &c &c -

[Quetelet's chapter on Medicine alone
is a book for a whole Profession
to work out.]

May you who have done so much
already - and I- and this generation now
springing up be called more & more to the sacred
duty- of *applying Statistics* to
reform the world!

I hope to be allowed to subscribe. (*that money is a small matter*)
to any Memorial: Pray believe me

dear Dr. Farr
ever yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I return the son's letter which I think
is beautiful- I feel quite glad that
he had such a son with him in his
latter end. They have sent
me, probably thro' your kindness, the
printed account of his "Funérailles" -
Alas! I should have had such pleasure in
telling him what now is doing
for India- which *may* be crowned by a *reform*
of the Ryot's wrongs- & the Zemindar's '*rights*'.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5474/126 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South St
Park Lane W.
March 23/75

My dear Dr. Farr

You know how it grieves me not to do
at once anything that you ask.

But I shall be on Committees no more.
I hope to be permitted to contribute to any
fund that you may set on foot for poor
Dr. Rumsey. Your printed letter is
admirable. I wish all success to your good work

===--- You know that there is to be a Meeting {2 vert lines down
folio}

on Thursday in honour of our dear
old friend, Sir Ranald Martin.

I have not yet thanked you for your
most kind letter on New Year's Day=
yours is always the most welcome
encouragement that I have.

I received the other day from the son
of our noble & beloved old Quetelet
a Sketch of his life & work, which I could
not help reading through at once-
Quetelet's work is always & still the subject
of all others which interests me most.
But I do not see it make the progress
it ought, especially in our places of
Education.

Could you not urge M. Ernest Quetelet
to republish, much shortened, re-arranged

& all repetitions cut out, & the invaluable {2 vert lines down
folio}

matter transposed so as to be more
connected, Quetelet's Physique Sociale
& Anthropométrie. These standing
classics of his genius are almost (now)
wholly unknown at our Universities,
& among even highly educated English
people: tho' Herschel did so much
to popularize them once for us.

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

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5474/127 draft, 1f, pencil

Telegraph

Steeple Claydon. Bucks {printed, up diag}

to help - the age of women
to study administration more
than Claydon House
glittering politics Winslow, {printed address}
Bucks.

generally speaking, except on
holidays, ~~not~~ to limit oneself to the
times the number of words that we
have of meaning

not to seek to do, like men so
much as to do the thing that is
wanted

to observe the results of charity
whether public or private, pauperizing
or depauperizing

of schools & methods of continuing
Education thro' life

of prisons whether once in prison
always in prison - or whether reforming
of training in Nursing whether

Hospital or private

& not to be seeking some new thing
without knowing the result of the old

& in all things to consider life not
as a lecture or a book but as action

with results

cause & effort - not empirical

5474/128 signed letter, 2ff, pen, same in RAMC 325

30 Old Burlington St

W

March 14/58

[15:368]

My dear Dr. Farr

There were three
letters in the Lancet
yesterday against
our Army Medical
School - They are
easily answered -
But Mr. Herbert
has also received
remonstances from

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Lord Haas & Lefroy
M.P. for Dublin.

Wellcome Ms 5481

And we want to
have the Lancet
on our side.

Would you ask
the Editor not to
commit himself
till he has heard
our side of the
question?

You will find
Sutherland here
to morrow at 6
o'clock. And we
will draw up
a statement

which we depend
upon you to
father upon the
Lancet, & make
them give a
Leading Article
in our favor -
yours most sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

Nightingale's letters to Farr are mainly at the Wellcome Library, Ms 5474, a total of 128 letters, ranging from

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Wellcome originals, Ms 5475, correspondence with Louisa Gaster,
private secretary to John Lawrence, 8 letters, 25 pages

5475/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen

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

I cannot thank you enough, I
cannot thank you enough.

[9:625-26]

Those precious signs of him -
the signature in his own hand
- the ~~books~~ Reports he had read
& wished me to read -
the place where he left off -
they have hardly been out of
my hands since -
O India for which he had
done all, would that I
could do something for her -
O poor Lady Lawrence - poor
daughters- & yet not poor,
rich beyond all - for they
have had, have still the
greatest hero ~~this half century~~
of our day -

~~has seen~~ - the Vice gerent not
only of an earthly sovereign
but of God =
the re-creator of whole races -
- yet humble & simple, as
became the ~~highest~~ servant of
God, which he so truly
felt himself to be: & of which
he was one of the highest in all time -
O how he will be missed -
And who will write his life?
None can do it but those who have lived as he lived.
But he will be with us still,
- he is living, not dead, *living*
more than ever.
May his spirit be with us!
as Christ promised us that His would be
- he followed in so many ways
the steps of our Great Master -
- he is now in the presence of God
for which his whole life had made him fit.

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He was so good as to come to
see me (about Sanitary things)
just before his hurried departure
from England for India in
December 1863.

he spoke of Lady Lawrence
- *she know how* - of the little
babe unborn & of his children,
his youngest. Then all
about India -

he had the blue eye & tender
expression in it of a girl of
16 - & the brow, the head of
the Ruler of nations, the Statesman,
the General - a greater never ruled:

I can write no more
God bless & support Lady Lawrence
& his children
There is not in all the world
who can feel with them as I can.
O may not his body ~~not~~ lie in Westminster.

Abbey, where all may see & be inspired by his
greatness.

And may I say how *you*
are to be envied for all you have
done for him.

May I write again?
yrs, overflowing in grief & sympathy,
Florence Nightingale

[end

9:626]

June 30/79

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

July 30/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gaster

How good of you to
remember the photographs
for me. Even you cannot
imagine how I have looked
& longed for them. They
were like a message.

[9:626-27]

And even you cannot
imagine how deeply sorry
I am that I cannot see
you this morning, as you so
kindly offer.

This is the month of Matrons
to me: of ~~the~~ seeing all our
trained Matrons.

And I shall miss the
divine strength of hearing all

about *him* who was so strong
from you.

Alas! we shall miss him
more & more every day:
what must it be for Lady
Lawrence?

Kindly *promise* - you say
you will be in London
again in 3 months - *to let*
me know: & promise me
a visit. I shall look
forward to it. My memory
of him will be as fresh,
my feeling of his loss ever
increasing, as any - -
- O what can we say about
such a loss? There are no

Wellcome Ms 5481

words.

I have dried the rose which
came from his coffin. His
books are ever before me.

I will write again: the
'message' of the photograph.

God bless you: do not forget
that I shall be longing to see
you again.

May I say: write down *now*
all that about his last days,
his last years which you
knew so well - all that
you remember of him -
it will be so valuable,
so precious-

"How are the mighty fallen
in the midst of the battle!"

~~And~~ God continue his work
in India

God bless you

And God bless Lady Lawrence
& his children -
ever yours in his name

Florence Nightingale

[end 9:627]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/3/1-2 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

5475/3/1

July 31/79

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

My dear Miss Gaster

I cannot thank Lady Lawrence
enough for the photographs.

[9:627-28]

May I try & say to you
what they say to me: [I think
they say it more plainly even
than when first I saw them,
before the body of our hero
was laid in Westminster Abbey.]

I have never seen any thing
so beautiful or so holy in the
holiest pictures of the old
Masters. If it had been
an old picture, we should
have said: how far Art
transcends Nature:

the lips slightly parted -
(like those of a child in a

rapture of joy in first awakening)
with a child-like joy at
entering into the presence of
the Heavenly Father whom
he had served so nobly - & so
humbly -

the poor eyes looking down,
but as if they were looking
inward into the soul to
realize the rapture of
surprise that is there-God
for the first time dwelling
in him in His fulness -

like Milton's: "And joy
shall overtake him like a
flood" -

the face so worn - "it
behoved Him to have *suffered*

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these things that He might
enter into His Glory"-
what words those are!
here it was the joy *arising out*
if the long trial, the toil:
the Cross out of which came
the Crown:

the expression that of the
child-soul rising spiritually
out of the worn-out body
shuffling off the 'mortal coil':
& passing into the immediate
presence of God.

The subject is almost too
sacred to write about

"My father - my father - the
chariot of Israel & the
horsemen thereof" - as they
bear him away from us into
the immediate Presence of God

we see the path of light
left behind - & we ask:
Upon whom has fallen the mantle?

Upon whom?
It shall not be: "her last
great man" sad India
now deplores:
who shall write his life?

I think so much of that -
- that he may *not* be *the last*.
you cannot think how
little he is known in England

-And how the little curs here {'And' overtop &}
have barked & bit round
the heels of the noble lion!

And now he is gone to
undertake yet greater labours,
to bless more worlds in the
service of God.

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5475/3/2

I could not but write a
word of thanks to Lady Lawrence
to- day. Did I know where
you were going, I would venture
to write again: there is so much to say.

You cannot think how I
deplored not being able to see
you: but one cannot
throw aside duties to do
honour to the man who
was above all the man of
duty.

in haste
to catch you before you go:
with the precious photographs
& his books ever before me
at my bedside

yrs ever in sorrow but not

{ 'sorrow' overtop
sorrowf }

in sadness

Florence Nightingale

That account was so infinitely

- touching which you gave
about his having left nothing
behind him, & the old
shoe horn.

You know, his was an ideal
character: it was the
ancient Roman, the ~~Christian~~
hero Saint, the chivalrous
Knight, & Statesman, &
the anchorite of the first
ages of Christianity, all in
~~fused into~~ one with the
tender husband of domestic
life. If he had been
a youthful lover instead
of a Viceroy, going to his
Empire, he could not have
spoken of her differently
than he did to me in
December 1863.

{ 'of' overtop & }

[end 9:628]

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/4/1-3 signed letter, 6ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford

Derby

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address, x-out w/ diag
line}

PARK LANE. W.

Aug 30/79

My dear Miss Gaster

I am *always* thinking of the **[9:628-30]**
question, as you put it,
as to who could best write
the life of Lord Lawrence, -
a 'Memorial' I think of
more importance than
perhaps any ~~M~~ other, or
than anything the world
could have said to it at
this moment.

And I have been making
inquiries.

I am afraid what I have
to suggest, if indeed it could

be of ~~any~~ use, has been
delayed too long to be of
any.

The first thing is: what are
the materials?

The Despatches he wrote
from the Punjab, especially
at the time of the Mutiny,

(I suppose, to the Governor-
Genl=?), must be absolutely
priceless.

[The D. of Wellington's
Despatches could not be
of so much importance.]

These, I believe, have never
been published.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Would they be at the India
Office or at Calcutta? or both?
And have they been asked for?

As to the correspondence, you
are making a list of it.
The next thing is: what does
Lady Lawrence propose?
I supposed that the entire
Life could not be published
at once, because parts of it must bear ~~so~~
so hard on persons still
living or lately dead.

I venture to think that
the great deeds of his
Vice-royalty would receive
better justice some 10 or
12 years hence.
But what I hope will be
brought out at once WITHOUT ANY DELAY
is: ~~his~~ not the whole
Life, *IF* that cannot be done,

but a Biographical sketch
of his Government of the
Punjab, especially at the
time of the Mutiny.

There is scarcely any deed
of history, - ancient, or modern,
to compare with this- the
winning over the Sikhs
to save the Empire, the
denuding himself of help,
& the having so converted
our late fierce enemies that he
could send *them* to save us
_“Lord, here am I: send me”,
has been said by many,
(like Isaiah). *But he could* {‘like’ overtop illeg, ‘But’ overtop
illeg}
say, ‘Lord, here are *they*,
send *them*.’

This is what every body
can understand, ~~what~~

& reverence:

Wellcome Ms 5481

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what [2]
every body would read -
what would stir up no
hideous controversies
"o'er the grave where our hero
we buried". But *all* would reverence,
I earnestly hope that those
Despatches are forth coming.
And there must be those
still living who could add
~~give~~ the most striking &
telling personal facts -
among them Mr. Arthur
Brandreth -
But alas! how many are
dead!
The next thing is: who is
to do it?
Has Lady Lawrence thought

1. of the *Dean of Westminster*?

One drawback is: that
I believe he had not the good
of being much acquainted
personally with Lord
Lawrence: the other is
that he is very much occupied.
The Materials must be
placed within easy access
to him. But if he
undertook it & was inspired
by his subject he would
make something like a worthy
representation either of the
whole Life or of the Punjab
epic.

2. Then there is *Mr. Theodore
Walrond*: the C.S. Commissioner.
He wrote Lord Elgin's life.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Lord Lawrence's life is on the heroic scale, & should have a hero to write it.

But where are the Indian heroes who shared his labours, & who ~~can~~ are also writers? Who survives?

Mr. Walrond has judgement: & in the selection among correspondence & Despatches, perhaps good judgement is as much wanted as good writing. If he undertakes it, he should write the whole life.

3. Then there is *Mr. Froude*: he would do it well: but he is so plastic one never knows what line he will take.

4. I confess that if the Dean of Westminster is not to be had *Mr. Geo. Trevelyan* is the person I should like to see write the *Life*. What he writes would be read. {'the' overtop illeg}

And is he capable of ~~such~~ enthusiasm. But he is very busy-

5. If he cannot be had, what would Lady Lawrence think of *Sir Charles Trevelyan*-not to write the *Life* but to write the Punjab part of it? He has ~~such~~ a true feeling of Lord Lawrence's great career.

If the Punjab could be elicited
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

out of him, it would be done with the just enthusiasm of a friend.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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6. Of other Indians, there is
Col. Malleon:

what would Lady Lawrence
think of him?

the sketch he wrote of Sir
John Lawrence was infinitely
below the mark- (published
7 or 8 years ago, or more,
in a volume with sketches
of Sir B. Frere & others.)
But he is known as a writer.

7. Col. Sleeman was a good
writer: but he is dead, is
he not?

Cannot you think of some
Indian writer, who is not
dead? Who would & could
do some justice to the subject?
& who personally took part
in his life? or ~~or else~~ even one who
could be a Johnson's Boswell?

8. Lastly, there is, in default
of a more experienced writer,
Sir Arthur Hobhouse: he
is painstaking & conscientious
- he is an earnest supporter
of Lord Lawrence's opinions
on Affghan policy -

I pray God that some one
may be found: not wholly
unworthy of the subject.
Why are there no Plutarchs
now? No Thucydides?
Lord Lawrence would be a
finer subject ~~than for them~~ for such an historian
than Pericles was for Thucydides.
I cannot think but what
some one will be raised up
to do it.

Wellcome Ms 5481

I trust I shall see you again in London.
this autumn.

& must ask your forgiveness
for not having written sooner.

It is not for want of thinking
of him whom we have lost
& of those he has left without
him.

I had to come down here
(in Derbyshire) to take charge
of my dear Mother. This is
always 'neck or nothing' to me.
Last year it was 'neck': this
year it is 'nothing': that is,
it was a nervous fever with
90 hours of sleeplessness -
But I must not trouble
you with my troubles:

God speed the work of
making John Lawrence
known to *this* world -
as he is to God & heaven & the
saints & heroes gone before.

yrs ever sincerely F. Nightingale [end 9:630]

5475/5/1-3 signed letter, 5ff, pen

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Lea Hurst

Cromford Derby Oct 20/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gaster

The prayer is ever before
me that this great man's
life may be made an ~~example~~ inspiration
for generations to come:
as well as the thought of
Lady Lawrence which does not leave
me.

[9:631-32]

But I have hesitated to
write because you kindly
promised that you would
let me "know the result"
whether "the Despatches
written by Lord Lawrence
from the Punjab" were

Wellcome Ms 5481

"forthcoming on application".

I feared to appear impatient

Wellcome Ms 5481

Possibly Lady Lawrence & her
advisers may already
have come to a decision as
who shall write his life.

The materials, as you have
shown, are ample.

I think matters stand on a
very different footing now than
they did before the appalling
events at Cabul, which one
is almost glad he did not
live to see, proved his
unerring knowledge & fore cast
in so terrible a manner:
I mean that people are
much more disposed to read

the great lessons of his life now.

Who is to write them?

You asked me about Professor
Bryce "whether he would
do justice to a work like this".
He is an extremely able man,
but I believe he neither
could nor would undertake
it. I have questioned
intimate friends of his &
mine, who have the highest
admiration for him: but
they say he is too busy &
scarcely the man for the work.

You ask: would Mr. G.
Trevelyan undertake it?

I cannot but think that he
might & be inspired by it:

Wellcome Ms 5481

he is writing, I understand,
the life of Fox now: but as
that has waited so long, it
might wait longer. And, {'might' overtop illeg}
were Mr. G. Trevelyan to see
the wealth of materials so grand {'wealth' overtop illeg}
and so ample before him
for *such* a Life, I do
believe that he could not
resist. And his father,
Sir C. Trevelyan, tho' without
writing, might contribute
materials.

The friends who thought
that Professor Bryce would
not undertake it suggested
the Revd- Stopford Brooke
who wrote the life of the Revd-
_Robertson. I merely

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mention the name: I do
not know that Mr. Stopford
Brooke has any Indian
knowledge & can scarcely
conceive that he would
'get up' such an immense
subject.

Another person who has
been suggested to me is one
known, I believe, to Lady
Lawrence: "T.C. Saunders":
he is a clever dexterous writer,
indeed, I ~~believe~~ am told
much the cleverest of the men suggested- writes
well in the 'Saturday Review'-
& has some knowledge of Indian
things.

It appears as if these men
stand, as desirable writers

Wellcome Ms 5481

of the life, x in the following
order:

first:

Mr. Geo Trevelyan

next:

2. Mr. Theodore Walrond

then Professor Bryce

then Mr. Saunders.

x I entirely agree that it would not
do to forestall *the "Life"* by a
short Biography. I only thought
that a sketch of his Punjab action
during the Mutiny might be
published at once: & his 'Life' later.
But I am no judge of these things.

Still I cannot help thinking
that one of his own disciples,
one to whom he was Guide
& friend, one who has
followed in his steps in
Indian Administration - that
great career - would still
be the best person to write
his life. And of Sir R.
Temple would undertake it,
& is good writer enough, he
would be the man.

I thank you most heartily
for having shown me this
beautiful letter - I did not
know he could write such an
one- & I return it most
gratefully.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Probably the momentous question has been settled already of who is to be the writer.

I pray God that this great & unique life may be worthily done.

You, I trust, have written down, ("committed to writing", expressive words: our memories are so treacherous), all the precious details of his last weeks & months & even of his last years.

I suppose Lady Lawrence is now expecting home Mrs. Cunningham: that will be a renewal of grief but a comfort to both.

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Possibly Lady Lawrence has returned to London.

Fare you all very well, very well, in the highest sense.

God has blessed his great deeds. May He bless them yet further.

No blacker cloud hangs over us than the dread that this second Affghan War will force 'retrenchment' in all good things.

[15:849-50]

It is a crisis almost as great as the Indian Mutiny for future good or ill- And we have no ~~John~~ John Lawrence to ride the storm.

[end 9:632] [end 15:850]

yrs ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/6 signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 20/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gaster

I have been so ill & [9:632]
knocked up on my return
that I have hardly been
able to sit up.

But I am almost appalled
to think that you will be
gone in a fortnight.

I hope that you will
kindly be able to give me
twice an hour before that
going abroad.

How I do feel for Lady
Lawrence, & wish that I
could do the least little
thing for her.

And how this Life of
him clings to my thoughts!

Could you kindly settle,
any day *after* to morrow
(Friday), to see me at 5
or if more convenient to
you at 4?

With the warmest sympathy
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:632]

Wellcome Ms 5481

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Private {up diag} Nov 25/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gaster

You asked me to think over **[9:633-34]**
who could be of use in
contributing information or help
to Lord Lawrence's life -

Sir Wm Muir you have
already.

Sir John Strachey would
contribute a chapter on
Sanitary matters. Ld Lawrence
inaugurated Sanitary reform
& Sanitary organization as
Viceroy in India: And Sir
John Strachey was his first
appointment. I have always
known Sir John S. as an
enthusiastic disciple of Sir
John Lawrence. Should he

be otherwise now, I should
still apply to him,
because you do not want
partisans on either side:
you want honest men
who will give information.
Col. Crommelin would contribute
information on Ld Lawrence's
Barrack reforms.

Lord Northbrook says that
a *Mr. Jenkinson* (I believe
he is some relative of his)
would give information &
assistance, he did not
say particularly on what
subjects.

Wellcome Ms 5481

[Ld Northbrook is warm in
his admiration of Ld Lawrence
& would I have no doubt
help.]

He mentioned that Sir Arthur
Hobhouse "with Jenkinson's
help" might be of use:
but is too much of a partisan
& not earnest in religious
matters.

You certainly know both
men.

He also mentioned a *Gordon*
(I do not quite know what
Gordon he means) I believe
he said Commissioner of Mysore
He spoke of
T.H. Thornton D.C.L.

Is that the Mr. Thornton of the

India Office? I know *him*
Or the *Dr Thornton* of Upper
India?

I see you have a "*Mr. E. Thornton*"
on your List.

There is a *Mr. Elliott*, the
Secretary to the Famine
Commission, just come to
England. Every body seems
to think he would be of
~~so much~~ use. All I have
seen of his was most able.

He too was of Upper India
but he did not know Lord Lawrence, did he?

[Was his grandfather
Resident of Lahore?]

Dr. Hunter is also spoken
of as able: but I am sure
his sympathies are not
right.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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These are all the people
I have to mention just
now as likely to give information
I am quite sure you know
them all better than I
do: excepting perhaps
Sir John Strachey: &
Lord Napier of Magdala
Have you thought of the
last? He had much to
do with Sir John Lawrence
in the Punjab & afterwards.
Lastly: as an adviser people think a
great deal of *Morley,*
of the *Fortnightly* (Editor),
"who writes like Defoe:"
[Mr. Elliott's History of the
Mysore Famine of 1877

reads like Defoe]
as a man to *consult with*
for good writers, in case
you fail in your present
search.

May God speed you!
I do not think my letter of
this morning, *or this*
will be of any present use to you,
but at least I am trying
to do my best for as holy
an object as ever was
pursued
Did you ever think again
of *Mr. Theodore Walrond?*
in haste, believe me
ever faithfully yours & the cause's
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Most

Private {up diag}

Most singularly my
brother-in-law, Sir Harry
Verney, calling on Lord
Northbrook this morning,
& talking about a life
of Lord Lawrence, met
his nephew, Mr. Henry
Cunningham, at Ld North=
brook's.

Pray do not think if
you hear this that I
have been consulting Mr.
Cunningham about this
sacred matter.

I should not weary or
despair in this Quest of
the Holy Grail:- that is the very
best man who can be found

to undertake it.
The work will be so extremely
interesting & inspiring, &
if done by such a man,
will add so much to his
reputation that, if you
find *present* difficulty,
some good man, *now in*
India, who served under
Lord Lawrence, might ask
to be entrusted with it.
Surely some good man
will offer if time is
given.

[end 9:634]

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5475/8/1-2 {archivist has numbered this incorrectly as 5479, not 5475}
5475/8/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen

27/11/79

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

My dear Miss Gaster

I was very glad to receive **[9:634-35]**
your kind note.

Do you know it has so
strongly struck me that you
ought to be the Private Secy=
so to speak, of any one who
wrote Lord Lawrence's Life,
as you were, of him whom
we have lost during the
last years of his life,- that
I felt aghast at your going
abroad, & almost hoped
that the Life would not
be written till your return?

No one could ~~do it~~ give the help ~~illeg~~ but you:

as, apart from other distinguished
characteristics, you have
had such extraordinary
opportunities of personally
living Lord Lawrence's *experience*

Nothing can replace that
- specially in his case who
was an individuality without
a parallel.

The writing of this Life
is an event unique in history,
as he was unique in history.

And it would seem as if
everything should ~~be~~ ~~we~~ made
to work together for that to be
done as well as possible.

Wellcome Ms 5481

I shall hope to see you before you leave England: I am very much overworked, but I would put off everything to see you once more. I may be no longer here in this world when you return.

Friday & Saturday & Tuesday & Thursday I am afraid I am quite full of engagements.

It is very good of Mr. & Mrs. Bosworth Smith to wish to see me. It is very many years since I have been able to see 2 people together- not even my sister & her husband. And my

Doctor tells me to talk 'only half an hour every other day' -which is simply impossible.

I have not seen any one for years but with long-standing claims of business upon me who, including the Trained Nurses, are numbered by hundreds.

But if it would do the least good for me to see Mr. or Mrs. Bosworth Smith some afternoon that he or she would fix the week after next at 5 or at 4, I would. I am afraid I am quite 'full' till then.

I have written thus much to show that my 'poverty & not my will' consents to putting

Wellcome Ms 5481

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~~it~~ off the visit.

But I cannot fancy that I should be of any use: because overwork prevents my taking up such a subject as this in the only way that is deserving of it.

I do not know of any "detailed account" of the Jullunthur time. That is the *worst* of the *best* of it that there never was any great man who was so little written of- even his Despatches not published.

I think there must be two Thorntons, that is three.
1. Thornton 'of the India Office'

whose initials are, I think, W.T.: he writes on Peasant Proprietorship
2. Dr. Thornton (T.H.) of Upper India (L.L.D:) who is, I think, the man Ld Northbrook recommends.
3. Your Mr. E. Thornton.

God speed

I wish I could help more:
in great haste
yrs ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:635]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5476, microfilm, correspondence with L.M. Gordon, nurse, matron, 120 letters, 87 pages

Ms 5476/1 signed letter, 1f, pen [12:424]

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

Dear Miss Gordon

I was very glad to hear from you & of your vigorous health.

And in answer to yours, you are fully entitled, I am sure, from your past training & experience to apply for the post of Matron to St.

Thomas' Hospital & Training School of the N. Fund -

I have always wished you Godspeed in each post that you have filled; in my heart, tho' we have had so little personal intercourse -

Will you excuse a brief note & believe me

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

[end]

5476/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen [12:434]

Private {up at an angle} April 11/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

When I had the pleasure of seeing you on Tuesday, you will remember telling me how much you had wished to go round the Wards with Miss Pringle, & see her methods with the Sisters then - but that she declined it.

I saw Miss Pringle last night, & she did not appear aware that she had declined it

Wellcome Ms 5481

She said that if on Monday next, you could make it convenient to come soon after 9 a.m. to go round the Wards with her, she would, *so long as it is your own wish*, gladly accede to it.

She appeared to regret that, if you wished it, it had not been on Wednesday last, when you were in London. But she quite understood you to say that

you did not think it necessary to ask her for anything more.

Pray do not scruple either to accept or to decline this.

If Miss Hughina Gordon is at Charing Cross (to whom my kind regards) it will make it easier for you to accept, if you wish it, by staying there. Could you kindly telegraph to me on receiving this (charging it to me, of course) & write

to me besides? [Your letter I might very likely not receive till Monday]

Pray give my kind regards to the Miss Gordon who is with you

& believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/3/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged?

April 24/90
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

[12:434-35]

My dear Miss Gordon

When will you be so good
as to come & see me?

I know how busy you must
be. I trust that you are
beginning to feel at home. I
hope it will not make you
feel less at home to pay me
a visit.

Any afternoon that you
would kindly appoint- about
5.15, except Tuesday when
I am engaged, & Wednesday
when you will have your
Committee I should be at
present disengaged for you -

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:435]

5476/2/2 {envelope} Miss Gordon
Matron's House
S. Thomas' -
24/4/90

5476/4/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 18/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

You know what trouble
we have been & are in,
& I know you have
sympathized with us -
& I have wished so much
to see you. Would it be
quite convenient to you
to come to see me any
afternoon this week
that you will fix,
say at 5.15.

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/4/2 {envelope}

with 6 eggs
& coffee
Miss Gordon
S. Thomas'
18/6/90

5476/5/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged?

July 26/90
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you will be able to
see me once more this next
week before I go - [And then
you will be going soon
yourself.]

If so, what afternoon would be
least inconvenient to you
~~this~~ next week (after Monday)?

I hope you approved of
the few books I sent by
Miss Solly for the Nurses.
Would you kindly tell her
that the 3 books (which
were duplicates) may be

given to Block 8, if
you approve?

God bless you -
in haste, yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/5/2 {black-edged envelope} with coffee & eggs

Miss Gordon
S. Thomas'

26/7/90

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

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/6 Telegraph,

Steeple Claydon. Bucks {printed and up at an angle}

Dec 9/90

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow,

Bucks.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have been so very
sorry not to write to you
all this time; but we
had so many & such
incessant anxieties all
the time that my poverty
(of strength) & not my
will consented to be silent

I have thought so
much of your anxieties
about Miss Mayne & her
loss.

And now Christmas is

coming. And you will
be making Christmas
presents for the Patients -
whether for all or only
for the children, will
you kindly accept the
little gift towards it
which I enclose? And
shall you not want
some more? Please say.

I hope you have been
well. I know you have
been very busy. And I
trust you are satisfied

Wellcome Ms 5481

with the progress of your
good work - I never
hear anything of S. Thomas'
except from dear Miss
Crossland - I should so
like to know something
from you -

Pray give my love to
Miss Solly.

May God bless you all -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I did not know that Sister
Obstetric was gone - tho I

might have know it.

I wish I had thought
of it in order to ask
you what little present
she would like.

What is she doing now?
in haste
F.N.

5476/7 incomplete letter, 1f, pen, black-edged

11/2/91

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

My dear Miss Gordon, {letter text vert. on page}

I have no excuse to make for not having
seen you but that I want to see you
so very much - And I have been so
pressed.

To-morrow (Thursday) at 5 and Friday
at 6 and Saturday at 5 - I would
so gladly see you or Miss Crossland
or Miss Solly - to whom my love.
And if none of these days
should unhappily suit none of you,

I believe I could give some other days
next week, tho' I shall be disappointed

I will write a line to Miss Crossland.
You will know that I had you in my
heart on New Year's Day & every
day - wishing you & all the dear
Nurses all 1891's blessings.

Wellcome Ms 5481

How much I have to hear from you

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged

Feb 27/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I send you back
for the Treasurer the
"Articles of Association"
with many thanks -

They are a great deal
more to the injury
of the Nurses than
any thing I could have
supposed possible.

I am sorry not to
have seen the two
"Resolutions" to be
proposed to-day.

But I dare say you
will have the great
kindness to let me
know the results of a
Meeting in which I
am so deeply interested
at your early convenience

I have seen several of
the Hospital protests -

Good speed to the
Meeting -

Thanks for your kind
letters -

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

I confess I should have
liked to kept the
"Articles".

I hope the Treasurer
will not mind some
one having put pencil
marks & turned down
~~the~~ two leaves -

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[12:439]

March 14/91

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Will you consider &
tell me what to say about
the application of this
lady Madame von der
Osten? I take for
granted, even if she
accedes to your "conditions",
whatever they are, for a
foreigner, that she
cannot be admitted
on "April 1" - And
therefore I had better
write as soon as
possible - I hope

you are quite well -

I think you will have

Mr. Bonham Carter
again soon. Doubtless
you have heard of his
loss - a son, a fine lad
of 16 at Winchester who
is to be buried to-day

His father & mother
& Nurses were with
him.

I do so regret & even fret
that I have not been
able, I have been so
driven, to ask you
for an appointment

convenient to you this
week, but I shall
try early this coming
week.

You shall have your
books -

God bless you
ever yours

F. Nightingale

Please return me the
lady's envelope & letter

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

with your answer.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/10 signed letter, 1f, pen

[12:543]

May 18/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have taken the
liberty of asking Miss
Crossland with your
leave to come this
afternoon to me about
the Register of Trained
Nurses.

I hope this is no
inconvenience to you
or her -

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/11 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged

May 19/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

Might I ask you to
let me have your big red
book - "Register of Certified Nurses"
to-day again - which
Miss Crossland carried
back with her last night?
It would be very kind -
I will send it back in
time for your Meeting

[12:543]

to- day *IF* you desire {if is underlined 4 times} [end]
it *Bearer waits*
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/12 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

May 20/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I send back your big **[12:543]**
book with many thanks

When I look again at
the American's letter, ~~I illeg~~
which I had not time
to do this morning in my
hurry; I am sorry I was
so civil - Imagine a
gentleman getting an
"interview" with a woman
on the special plea that
it is all for her "glory"!!

What a snob!

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 26/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I suppose you are soon
going on your holiday, well
earned holiday - I am
longing to see you -

Would it be quite
convenient to you to come
to see me *to-morrow*
(Saturday) or *Sunday*
or *Wednesday* next
at 5.15 or at 6?

And then you will tell
me how you are - & a great
deal-

ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/14 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Embley Aug 13/91 [12:439]

Romsey

30, SOUTH STREET, {printed address crossed out}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you have come
home refreshed & invigorated
& that Miss Crossland has
gone away to do the same -

I am troubling you too soon,
because Col. Lloyd - Verney
writes to me that he is anxious
to get his Vicar in N. Wales
into St. Thomas' Home - He
does not say what the
Vicar's disease is - But he
says: "we should be very
"grateful if somebody at St
"Thomas' Hospital would
"write & tell us what

"arrangements are made
"there for private Patients
"& what would be the terms".

Col. Lloyd-Verney's
address is

Clochfaen

Llanidloes

N. Wales

if some one will kindly
write to him

If you are kind enough

to write to me, would you
tell me how *Mrs. Ashworth*
is, *No 1 bed under Dr. Ord's*
care - & what her prospects
are - and if there is any
little thing I might send
her or pay for for her.
Pray give her my kind
regards - I do not know
who the pro tem : Sister
of that Ward is -

Please give my love to
Miss Solly -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

yours ever most truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[12:440]

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
August 29/91

My dear Miss Gordon

Miss Ashworth: Charity Ward

I was very much obliged
to you for your kind Telegram.

But I am going to ask you
a still further favour.

The last I heard of her
~~was~~ from Dr. Ord was on
the 15th. & since then I
have heard nothing except
from my housekeeper
who seems to have heard
very badly of the case.

Could you be so very
kind as to tell me what
is the real state of the
case now - whether there

is any hope of operation
at some future time
being successful -
whether the tumour is
enlarging - & pain constant
- & any thing that you
may be pleased to tell
me.

Would you be so very
kind as to provide any
thing for her that may be
ordered besides the belt- & charge it
to me? And may she have
some luncheon to take with her?

I know I am asking a
great deal of your kindness
I was so sorry to be away.
2. I condole with you that
Miss Masson } is going to
Sister George}

Wellcome Ms 5481

leave St T.'s most truly - Who
succeeds her?

Could you kindly tell me
some present that she would
like? Perhaps her friend
Miss Messum (Sister Albert?)
might know -

I hope Sister George's
health is re-established
3. And I do hope indeed
that Miss Messum's *is* -
Will you give her my kind
love - & say that I have
asked continually after her
during her absence - & did
so hope to see her after her
return. But alas! It was
not to be for me, till my return
God bless you all. How are
you yourself? Well - - - hopes
ever yours sincerely

[end]

F. Nightingale

5476/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. {printed and up at an angle}
Sept 13/91
Claydon House {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

[12:440-41]

Dear Miss Gordon
Thank you so much for all
your kindness to poor Mrs -
Ashworth. She is very grateful
But it is a sad case - [I will
send you the money to- morrow for Belt
by Registered Envelope with
many thanks -] If there is any
thing she wants for her journey
to her mother's to be easier, would you
kindly give it her & charge it
to me? & give her my kindest
regards, & I will write to her
dear mother while she is there.

[end 12:440]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Prince Damrong, a Royal Highness of Siam, Minister of Education there, who really wishes to do his duty, has been staying here. [Mr - Fred: Verney is English Secy- to the Siamese Legation] in order to learn about many things - He is setting up Hospitals & wishes to train women Nurses. He has a great desire to see St. Thomas' - And will you let him see it all, & particularly let Miss Crossland explain to him about the training - He speaks English, & asks questions - He said he would send to you the day before to say he was coming. **[13:568]** **[end 13:568]**

I am so glad Miss Crossland is come back well **[12:440-41]**

I am going to ask you about poor Arthur Sullivan who was operated upon 3 times, I believe, in St. Thomas' Home - & whose life was saved, it is believed, by good Nursing - He is so very grateful, He is a cousin's son of Sir Harry's. I believe Mrs. Hannay put off her holiday to attend to him - Anything you would be so very kind as to tell me about him, any time, would be acceptable - **[end 12:441]**

With love to Miss Solly
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/17 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

Dec 16/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Miss Gordon

Many a time I have
wished to write to you. I
hope you are pretty well.

Will you allow me to
send you this to help if
you are giving Christmas
presents to the Patients?

I have been expecting
to come back a very long
while -

May God bless you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/18 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Dec 27/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Miss Gordon

Thank you so much
for your beautiful Xmas
card & good wishes -
May all the highest
blessings of Christmas be
yours & the highest
hopes, I mean *expectations*
for God's love, for the
New Year

It is grievous to part
with our Senior Sisters.
But I think, with you, Miss

Wellcome Ms 5481

Messum was right to go
on account of health -
Could you be so very kind
as to tell me of some
book or other thing that
would be useful to her
in her new post?

I was so grateful to
you for your kind long
letter about all the
improvements in the
lodging &c of the Nurses.
It is so interesting to me

I hope your own health
is good -
I trust to be in London in
a week.
Pray give all my Xmas
good wishes to Miss Solly
I know how busy you
are -

God bless you - & believe
me always yours
affectionately
F. Nightingale

The little people of the
Verney clan were so
enchanted with their visit

to St. Thomas - Please
tell Home Sister
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/19 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 14/92
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I have so wished to see you
but unluckily for me I have
been so driven -

Unluckily for me I am engaged
Monday and Tuesday with
people long deferred.

Could you kindly come
Wednesday? or is that Mr.
Bonham Carter's day?

Could you kindly come
Thursday? Even that is
putting it off very late

I hope you are pretty well -
// Would you kindly answer the
enclosed who writes? If you

[12:442]

have no prospect of a
vacancy, much less two -
would you kindly recommend
another Hospital or Hospitals?
But please send the usual papers
that she may see how
many things there are to be
considered besides vacancies?
& gratuitous training?

Hoping to see you
ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

[end 12:442]

Please mention her letter to
me in writing to her

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/20 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:443]

10 South St. March 30/92

My dear Miss Gordon

Any Sister you please
to send me to-morrow
(Thursday) at 5.15 will
be welcome, if I know
beforehand which it is.

Thank you for sending
Mrs. Hannay & Miss
Birmingham - Each was
very interesting -

I should like to know,
if convenient to any one
kindly to tell me, whether
that Lady from the W. Indies
who was dying on Tuesday
when Mrs. Hannay ~~is~~ came
here is dead
and whether the poor man

in Clayton who thought
he had swallowed a bone
& came in on Sunday
is relieved or is a
hopeless case -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/21 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St April 13/92

Dear Miss Gordon

Thank you very much for
your interesting letters: & for
sending me such interesting
Sisters -

If quite convenient to send
me one on Saturday, I
shall be so glad. I have
been so driven & so poorly
these last 10 days that I
have not been able to claim
your kind promise

Thank you too for the
big books -

I have ordered some

Wellcome Ms 5481

flowering plants to be
sent you on Saturday
for Miss Crossland, please
God bless you
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

5476/22 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St May 13/92

My dear Miss Gordon

I have been wishing &
longing to write to you but
have been so sadly occupied
Might I see one of the
Sisters to morrow (Saturday)
and one Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday in next week -
(if I possibly can -) But I
hope you will kindly take
one of these days for yourself,
as I should be so sorry not
to see you before you go on
your holiday - that is if it
is quite convenient to you to come
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

5476/23 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St June 23/92

My dear Miss Gordon

Welcome home. I hope
you have had a successful
tour -
I trust to see you before
very long
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/24 signed letter, 1f, pencil

July 10/92

My dear Miss Gordon

Claydon is "At Home"
on *Thursday* next, as
arranged -

I should like very much
to hear how Mrs. Allden is,
if you are kind enough to
tell me -

ever yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

5476/25 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. July 20/92

Dear Miss Gordon

When will it be quite
convenient to you to come
& see me? according to your kind
promise

I hope you are pretty well
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Could I send Mrs. Allden
anything?

5476/26 signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/7/92

My dear Miss Gordon

I shall be so glad to
see you on Tuesday -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/27

10 South St. July 28/92

Dear Miss Gordon

Very many thanks for the
papers.

I am very sorry that, being
quite 'full', I cannot see Miss
Holden this week, but it will
be perhaps a relief to her -

Any day next week?

Wellcome Ms 5481

for her or any one else?
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/28 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St Aug 10/92

My dear Miss Gordon

Dr. Ord asked me
to send these papers
to you, as he was
going away -

I was so pleased to see
Miss Young & Miss Holden -
& hope soon to make
another appointment -
God bless you

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

5476/29 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St Aug 17/92

My dear Miss Gordon

I hear that you are
expecting Miss Crossland
home to- day - so Miss
Hamilton will be doubtless
occupied

Tomorrow ~~you~~ I am
engaged.

Would it be convenient
to you & to Miss Hamilton
for her to come to me
on Friday about 5.15?

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/30 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:446]

10 South St.

22 August

Dear Miss Gordon I hope
you are pretty well - & I
hope to see you soon -

Would you give some of these
flowers to that poor Nurse
Preece who has such a
distressing internal complaint -
And is there any thing I
could send her to eat or
drink? I fear she is very ill

[end]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

5476/31 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:446-47]

Telegraph,

Steeple Claydon. Bucks. {printed and up at an angle}

Oct 12/92

7. a.m.

Claydon House, {printed address:}

Winslow,

Bucks.

My dear Miss Gordon

Sir Harry & Mrs.

Verney are very desirous
to ask you if you would
give them the pleasure
of your spending a day here
& staying the night.

And I should
then have the pleasure
of seeing you & hearing
from you of some

things, which as my
return to London is a
little delayed, I would
gladly discuss with
you.

Would it be possible to
you to come Friday,
in time for luncheon
& stay the night?
I will send you a

Wellcome Ms 5481

List of the trains -

Wellcome Ms 5481

Mrs. Verney's engagements
& duties are so multiplied
that she is always
pressed for time - She
will be away to morrow
till Friday afternoon -
Or she would wish
to give you a choice
of days convenient to
you. But perhaps
if Friday is not
convenient another day

might be found -

Pray give us the
pleasure of seeing you
if you only can -

Believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Excuse pencil
(In great haste)

5476/32 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dec 4/92

[12:452]

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Do you remember telling
me on Friday of a gentleman
(Miss Leslie's husband, I think,
- I forget her married name)
who was dying of Cancer in
Rectum - & had paroxysms
of pain which nothing
relieved of what Doctors had
prescribed - & I understood
you to say that he was glad
to try any thing & had tried
things on himself.

I said that we had an
apparently similar case -
a poor man, labourer - at
Claydon - one of Sir Harry's -
He suffered terribly at times,

Wellcome Ms 5481

so that he could not bear
to be spoken to - Nothing
relieved him till he was
put on a water- bed, &
the following (Homoeopathic)
treatment was given him
by the Curate in the parish.

I telegraphed yesterday
to know precise details - &
the following Telegram I
have this moment received
from the Curate himself:

[I should premise that we
are *none* of us Homoeopaths
~~but~~ quite the reverse - but
this poor man was relieved.

Would there be any one whom
this poor gentleman *could ask*
IF this prescription might be tried?

I would gladly pay for it, if you
chose to have it made up & sent. F.N. [end 12:452]

5476/33 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Dec 23/92

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

My dear Miss Gordon

You will, I hope, have
received (on Tuesday,
sooner that I intended
them to come)

2 Hampers of Evergreens
from Embley
for the Probationers' Home
& you will receive
on Saturday night or
Tuesday morning
flowering plants
for the same -
//Pray let your kindness

Wellcome Ms 5481

excuse me that I have
not sent the enclosed
£5 5 Ch before for your
Christmas among the
Patients
//I need not say that
I have not forgotten the
two Sheets for a
Register which you
were so kind as to
send me - but I fear
they cannot be ready
for you to begin on
New Year's Day.

Success to the Register

[end]

{vert. on page}

I hope you are pretty well -
May all the dear Christmas
blessings be yours
prays yours affectionately
F. Nightingale

5476/34 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[12:454]

Jan 5/93

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

Dear Miss Gordon

Here are some of the first
fruits of the *certifkit* insanity
- I am afraid we shall be inundated
with them

If you are kind enough to
see this poor German woman after
reading her letter & my answer,
please fill up the spaces on
my p. 3 & post the letter -
If not, please tear off p. 3,
& post the letter -
Or if you know of any Hospl-
likely to receive her on trial, please be
so good as to direct her to it
// I had a most kind letter from
Mrs. Davies, about the Homoeopathic

prescription

Wellcome Ms 5481

but have heard nothing
since - Perhaps he is dead?
May you have a good New Year
& many good New Years
is the earnest prayer
of yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I am so glad that Miss
Ferguson does not leave
us -

5476/35 signed letter, 1f, pen

Feb 13/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon
Mr. Bonham Carter
desires me to send you
your M.S. Report for
1891 (yours & Mr. Croft's)
& adds that he has a
section of the Report
containing the List of
Certified Nurses employed.

I have been so sorry
not to see you - but I
have been for more than
6 weeks a prisoner to

bed with Diarrhea
& cold perspirations
& nausea, & obliged
to keep as quiet as
I could, which is
not very.

I hope to see you soon
& to hear that you
are pretty well - &
that Miss Carpenter
is getting on - & many
other things.

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/36 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [12:455]

27/5/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I trust you are pretty well.
I have been asked to look
over the Revise of the Memo-
for Probrs- as to Finger-poisoning
"4" "thirdly". Do you
wish to keep in the "India-
=rubber finger-stall"? I
thought that had been abolished
If so, what would you have
as a substitute?

Yours sincerely
F.N.

5476/37 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St June 8/93

My dear Miss Gordon

Could you spare Miss
Crossland to come & see me
to- morrow (Friday) afternoon,
if convenient to her - but
let me fix another day
if this is inconvenient -

I hope soon to be able
to see you, if you are able
to come -

Thanks for your letter
yours affectionately
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/38 signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil

June 19/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Will you kindly fix some
afternoon that I may have
the pleasure of seeing you?
or if you could give me the
choice of two?

We have truly cause to
congratulate ourselves that
the Privy Council has seen
some of the items in the
Draft Charter which were
most against the interest
of the Nurses, & the Nursing
work - & have modified
them so much in the actual
Charter now published

[12:559]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

5476/39/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

10 S St. Aug 5/93

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you are
pretty well. Are you
getting rather tired? If
you are going away for
your holiday I hope
I shall see you before
you go.

Is Miss Crossland
come back? And how
is she?

Sir Harry Verney
asks the Probationers
for a day at Claydon

[16:455]

Wellcome Ms 5481

with Miss Crossland
"early in the week
"beginning (Sunday) the
"13th-"

Will that suit your
party? And will
you kindly fix a
day for them?

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/39/2 {black-edged envelope}
Miss Gordon
St. Thomas' Hospital
5/8/93

5476/40 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

Sept 20/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I am in town again for
a very few days- & should
be very sorry not to see you
& Miss Crossland: even if
only for a short time -

I hope you are well
on Thursday or on Sunday
or on Monday afternoon
I am at present free -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/41 signed letter, 1f, pencil **[12:457]**

Oct 21/ 93
Dear Miss Gordon
Should you feel inclined to send the
Candidate-papers to this Miss Riddell thro'
Lady Caird whose address you will find on
her letters?

Please return me Lady Caird's two letters - **[end]**
& believe me sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/42 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged [12:456-47]

20/12/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope to see you
& Miss Crossland both -
before the Old Year is
out - But I know how
busy you are -

Could you spare Miss
Crossland, if but for an
hour, some afternoon this
week?

Your Evergreens will
come, I hope, on Friday -
& plants on Saturday -

Is there any money you
want for the *Hospital* Xmas
festivities? ever yours truly

F. Nightingale

5476/43 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged

22/12/93

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I shall hope to have
the pleasure of seeing
you after the New Year.
I know how busy
you are now

Pray accept this
little contribution
to your Christmas
presents for the Hospital

& believe me
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/44 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged [12:460]

March 1/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hear that you are returned, and I trust in all the good health that your friends would wish you -

Miss Escreet, I find, is going to leave you for Cheltenham. I should be very sorry not to see her again - & could see her on Monday next at 5.30 - Would that suit you & her?

I shall hope to see you some day next week that is convenient to you

I am engaged on Tuesday & perhaps Wednesday - Nurses Moore & MacArthur, I understand, have completed their first year's Probation as Staff Nurses. Would you like me to see them? I should be very glad - Some time -

And you will have several new Sisters whom I could see.

Miss Herbert will be leaving his week, I suppose. I am sorry you have to seek a new Assistant

I hope this lovely weather does you good - & that you enjoyed it during your holiday -

ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/45 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

April 7/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you are pretty
well again.

When may I have the
pleasure of seeing you?
Please fix an early day -
And I will take it if I can

I send 7 books for
the Probationer, please -
And I shall have more
to send next week -

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

5476/46 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

June 18/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

Might I hope to see
you to morrow (Tuesday)
about 6 o'clock or
Wednesday. But I
believe you are
always occupied on
Wednesday -

I shall hope to
see Miss Crossland
if convenient this week

I trust you are
pretty well
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/47 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged [12:460]

Sept 1/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

Thank you much for
your note.

No one can feel any
thing but the utmost
thankfulness to God
that poor Nurse Preece's
(*poor* no longer) trial
is over - when there
might, I suppose, have
been otherwise months
of terrible suffering
before her -

I wish I had known
before that the mother

was starting - for I might
have been able perhaps
to contribute to her
comfort - Are they
poor? Might I
ask you to be so very
kind as to forward
this £1 to her in a
Registered Envelope
with my warm sympathy,
for I do not know her
address.

You will have heard
perhaps how sadly
we are occupied by
the almost sudden

Wellcome Ms 5481

death of my cousin
Shore on the 23rd=
tho' he had been ill two
years. He was my
father's successor. He
leaves a widow & 4
sons & daughters. I will
tell you more when
we meet - There is a
great deal of business
to do -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/48 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

16/9/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I trust to see you
this week, but you will
guess how worn out I
am.

Could you be so very
kind as to lend me
at once if you have
them the new Regulations
of St. Bartholomew's?
Perhaps you could kindly
get me a copy for
myself - later -

[13:87]

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

[end]

5476/49 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged [12:461]

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks - Dec 10/94
My dear Miss Gordon

I was so extremely obliged to you
for sending me that little memoir of
the "Council of Matrons" - It is such a
curious little episode - to which was
added, as I learnt later, that they
had already been able to lower the age
of admission, owing to the Physiology teaching
& that owing to the lack of Matrons, Miss
Hogg had had to propose & second the Resolutions

Wellcome Ms 5481

I trust that you are pretty well -
I will ask you to allow me to send
you the enclosed Cheque for your
Christmas festivities, which I am sure
will be happy ones to the Hospital -

I have staid here longer than I
expected - I am still keeping my room.

The family here are splendid
people for working in the parish -
There is something almost every
evening - To-day, to morrow &

Wednesday, there are Dairy Lectures
in the house by a Miss Maidment,
with Magic Lantern -

God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 12:461]

5476/50 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged [12:466]

April 6/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Thank you very much,
my dear Miss Gordon,
for your letter -
I shall be delighted to
see Miss Easton (Elizabeth)
on Wednesday at
5.30, if that is
convenient to her -
& Miss Allardice
(Clayton) on Thursday
at the same hour -
as you kindly suggest
I am sorry not
to see Miss Roberts

(George) on Monday -
but shall hope
that it will only be
postponed to another
week -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 12:466]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/51 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

Good Friday

[12:467]

April 12/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

How good of you to
write; & send me the
Medical Referee's paper.

I have had very
great pleasure in seeing
Sister Elizth- & Sister Clayton

And I should like
very much to see two
Sisters next week, as
you kindly propose -
At present I have
no engagement this next
week except on *Friday*

If Sister George could
be one of the two, I should
be glad, because I think
she has been put off
before -

But of course I only
want to consult your
convenience & theirs
& my possibilities

I hope there is every
prospect of fine weather
for your much needed
holiday - & that it
will bring you back
much stronger -

God bless you

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/52 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

May 22/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon,
Welcome home! I trust
that you are come back
as well as we could
wish you - I did not
know till a day or two
ago that you were come
home - I shall hope to
see you soon, but can
readily understand that
you will not wish to pay
me a visit directly -
I hope the Treasurer is
pretty well again -
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

5476/53 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged [12:467]

June 19/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
Thank you for your note.
I trouble you with my
parcels of books to- day
for Sisters Elizabeth
Clayton
George
Charity
Victoria
Ophthalmic

because I think they will
like to have them before
your grand gathering
tomorrow -

As for Miss McMaster
(Sister Leopold)
I am afraid I am now
filled up this week -
Would next Monday suit
you & her? If not, I
will find another day.
I am glad the Chambers

Wellcome Ms 5481

suit.

Wellcome Ms 5481

I trust it will be a
fine day to morrow for
what gives so much
pleasure to so many people
yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

I shall {5 lines up at an angle:}
be very
anxious to know
about Miss Carpenter
& Radcliffe Hospital

5476/54 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged

July 13/95

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Will it be quite
convenient if Miss Crossland
comes to me on *Monday*?
She is taking her holiday
soon, I suppose -

I shall hope to see Sister
Leopold soon on some Friday
which you tell me is her
convenient day. But I cannot
quite yet make an
appointment -

And above all I shall
hope to find some day
convenient to you -

//You have received no doubt
a copy from the "Matron's
"Council," (which was supposed
to be a Regiment discharged
from the Service,) of "Questions"
to answer. So have I
received one - It is rife
with Preliminary Courses
Examinations
Theoretical Education
Certificates
State Registration
&c &c &c.

[12:573]

Wellcome Ms 5481

I was glad to receive the
sensible paper of the
Bellevue Supt- in
the "Hospital" which
does not go into all this
farrago -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/55 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged

July 24/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I have been very sorry
that I have been quite
unable to ask you if
you could be so good
as to come & see me -
& also to fix a Friday
for Sister Leopold.

And now I understand
that this next Friday
is a grand function for
the Princess of Wales to
receive the Pension Fund
people - & that you have

[12:467]

been so very good
as to ask Miss Anderson
of the Lpool Northern
Hospl- to St. Thomas -
Would you be so kind
as to give her this
little note from me
when she arrives?

I am always sorry to
trouble you
God bless you
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/56 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:468]

10 South St. Aug. 17/95

My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you very much
for sending me your
Record book which I read
with great interest

But it is so recent
that I fail to see any
of my friends therein
except Miss Roberts -

I have been intendg=
to ask you every Friday
whether I might see
Miss McMaster (Leopold)
& above all whether
you could kindly come

some day that was
convenient. But I have

been so hindered. I hope
however soon to see you.

I was very sorry to hear
about the Throat-illness
of that poor Student
in Clayton Small Ward
that you kindly told me
of- I think we
have had such devoted
House Surgeons & House
Physicians sometimes
who have suffered
from this cause -

I hope he is better.

I believe you are
expecting Miss Crossland
back soon now: I have
no doubt in renewed
health, as, I trust you
are - or at least not suffering.

ever believe me

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/57 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:468]

Aug 26/95

My dear Miss Gordon

The Matron of the
Romsey Union & Infirmary,
a married woman, is a
Mrs. *Normington*. She has
certainly done a great
deal of good there -
She says she served
under you at Leeds -
Do you remember her?
I could gladly see you
to morrow (Tuesday)
afternoon or Thursday,
if quite convenient to you

and Miss McMaster

(Sister Leopold) on
Friday, if suitable for
her - I am so afraid
of letting you slip -
I hope Miss Crossland
is well -
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{upside down back page of folio:} 10 5.20

5476/58 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Sept 3/95

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I shall be very glad
to see Miss Pepper
on Thursday at 5.45,
as you kindly propose.

Good speed to you
on your little holiday
And may you enjoy
it richly

Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/59 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 6/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you for your
too short (not "too long")
letter.

I send back the
present Record Book
& am so ashamed of
myself for having kept
it so long -

Within this week I
will send back the one
which you have so
kindly sent me now.

I am so glad that Miss
Mitchell & Miss Allardice
are not going yet - But

I only just want to say
that neither have ever
said or written a word
to *me* about going -
What I had heard
was only from yourself
- Miss Mitchell only
wrote to me that she
was going to be married
And that as all.

I am sorry that
Miss Mills is going -
to leave St- Thomas' -
I should like to see her
before she goes - but
am quite filled up this week [end 10:788]
in haste
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[10:788]

[end 10:788]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/60 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 20/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

All these sorts of letters
from America are always
left at my door.
Could you kindly tell
me whether this letter
is for *your*

Miss Russell?

If not, please return it to
me, to return to the
Postman -

2. *Miss Mills* - Could [10:788]
you kindly tell me
who she saw at the
India Office? I forgot

to ask her -

She told me how kind
you have been to her -

I think she would
like a little Instrument
~~box~~ case to take with her -
Would it be asking
you too much to order
one for me, scissors,
forceps, &c &c - *not*
too elaborate, for fear
of offending the Doctors
out there- & to have her
& my name put inside, thus:

Christian name Mills
from Florence Nightingale 1895

3. I think I understood
that *Nurse Frances?*
Cameron was on leave
in London from India
I should like very
much to see her, if
not troubling you too
much, by appointment. [end 10:788]

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/61 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 30/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

[10:788]

Many thanks for your
kindness in ordering for
me a little Instrument
case for Miss Mills
Please let it be sent
here with the Acct-.

I want very much to
see Miss Mills again
before she leaves England
& have written to tell
her so - And you too
some day before she
goes, if possible to you

I have got a book
of Indian Hygiene
for her. But it is
far too difficult for
any but a Medical
Officer of Health -
Could you kindly

suggest any thing
which would help
her in the Hospital.
They must work in
India more even than

in England strictly
under the Medl- Officers -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 10:788]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/62 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St. Dec 16/95

My dear Miss Gordon

 Could you spare
Miss Crossland to me
on Wednesday? Or if
that is inconvenient to
you or her on Friday?

Thank you very much
 for all you have done
 for Miss Mills -

 I have paid the Bill -
I should like to hear
again how Miss Wainwright is
 ever yours sincerely

F.N.

5476/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:473]

10 S. St. Jan 5/96

My dear Miss Gordon

 I send the Cheque
for the Probrs- Home, (by
 your kind desire,) which
ought to have gone at
Christmas

 You were so good as
to send the flowers & Jelly
to poor Nurse Clemence -
And I believe she enjoyed
them - But I suppose,
poor thing, it is a hopeless
case - ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/64 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 20/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Matron

I am shocked & ashamed
- It was I who had your
"Annual Report for 1894"
all the time. It was
only found this morning
in the Drawing-room
by my good little
maid. Forgive me -
I have been kept still
& silent in bed ever
since Dec 23- & have
seen no one but Miss
Crossland. What a

misfortune her resignation!

I am still kept
silent in bed, but hope
to be able soon to ask
you to make an
appointment to see me -

Would you kindly
tell me who is to be
Miss Ferguson's successor
at Liverpool when
it is decided -

[end]

yours sincerely
F.N.

5476/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil **[12:474]**

10 S St Feb 11/96

My dear Miss Gordon

I don't know whether
you would like to go to
this Meeting at Grosvenor
House - you & Miss
Crossland and any other
friend - I was asked to
go & (as I understood) it
is not to preach Temperance
to Nurses, but to show

them what immense
power they have over
those they nurse - This

Wellcome Ms 5481

refers practically more to

Wellcome Ms 5481

*District Nurses & to
Private Nurses than to
Hospital Nurses. This
power, I think, District
Nurses feel (or felt)
& exercise (or exercised)
with the greatest benefit*
The question of Private
Nurses grows more
formidable every day -

2 I understand your
great day of opening the
two new Wards is on the
21st- Would you like
some flowering plants,
flowers & greeneries, such
as I can muster for that
Levy? Or do you prefer
showing the new Wards
naked as they were born?

All success be yours -
your affectionate

F. Nightingale **[end]**

5476/66 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 15/96 **[12:474-75]**
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have ordered some
plants & flowers for
Friday to decorate
the two Wards - They
offered me some large
palms to *hire* - But
I wished to buy -
because the main
pleasure to the
Patients & Nurses
is after the Royalties

Wellcome Ms 5481

are gone, & they
have their plants
& flowers - & not
the great palms.
What day & what time
will you wish plants
& ~~these~~ flowers to come in?
Will the Patients be
in the two Wards when
the Royalties go
round?

Thank you for
your letter - & for
telling me the Sisters'

names, so interesting
to me -

I suppose you don't
care for *greeneries* -
for this event. You
will have some small palms
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 12:475]

5476/67 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [12:475]

Feb 22/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I am so glad that the
function of yesterday
passed off so well in spite
of the gloomy day -

And I hope it will
bear fruits -

Every body seems to
have been pleased - And
it is so good to dedicate
Wards & Patients to God
// I have been asked to see
a Hospital Sister, Miss
Eckblom from Helsingfors

[13:493]

Wellcome Ms 5481

in Finland, to whom you
have been so kind in
St. Thomas', next week.
Is she going so soon?

I should be glad to
put off seeing her till
the latest afternoon it
is convenient to her to see
me - for again yesterday
I was warned to keep
quiet as long as I
possibly could -

But I would see her -
I had rather have seen
you first -

They tell me that you
think very well of her.
I am so glad the
flowers were acceptable
& wish you well in the
highest sense of the
term -

[end 14:493]

Will you commend me
to the Treasurer, & say I
shall hope to see him
soon?

[end 12:475]

yours ever
F.N.

5476/68 signed letter, 1f, pencil

March 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I have been long
without seeing you - I am
so forbidden to see people
But I trust that you
can fix a day to see
me before Easter. Any
afternoon *except* Friday
& Monday - I can at present
dispose of -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I shall hope to see the
Treasurer too another

Wellcome Ms 5481

day

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/69 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

April 2/96
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Would it be troubling
you too much to ask
you to tell me the result
of your interview with Miss
Crossland last night?

I suppose she left
this morning for a fortnight
- I regret that it should
have been just now,
for I suppose that on the
14th at their Meeting
they will *accept* her
resignation, if we have
been able to prevail
nothing - yrs sincerely

F.N.

5476/70 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St April 25/96

My dear Miss Gordon

I take for granted
that you have a Ticket
for the May 2 Concert
But if not & you wish
to go, would you
accept one from me

& one for Sister
Victoria (Miss Tilt) who
I believe practices the
violin - ~~And~~ I have
written to Miss Crossland
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/71 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope you are kindly
reserving an afternoon
for me this week -
any day after Wednesday

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/72 signed letter, 2ff, pencil **[12:479]**

May 31/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I am so stupid I have
forgotten the name of the
Wesleyan S. Albert &
of her Uncle, with whom
she was to live, & who is
I believe a M.P.

Could you kindly tell
me his name?

It is for a Parsi from
Bombay.

// You will like me to
see Miss Goodhugh

(Sister Clayton)
is it Male Surgical?

May I give you a
choice of days a little
further on?

I was delighted with
S. George & S. Elizabeth.
I am afraid I committed
a breach of Rule by
sending some small
victuals for a poor
little girl in Elizth-
who can't eat to the
Sister -

But you will forgive me
yours ever sincerely

[end 12:479]

Wellcome Ms 5481

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/73 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:479]

June 26/96

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I congratulate you
on the success of yesterday
- every body pleased, as
far as I heard - And I
hope nobody very tired -

A fine afternoon for all
You mentioned to me that

Miss Mitchell (Sister
Charity) was resigning her post
yesterday - If she is still
with you, I should like
very much to see her - &
say Good bye - I *could*

see her this afternoon

say at 5.30 if
it is my only chance -
tho' I had rather not
have hurried you or myself,
having much to do -

I hope to see you soon
yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please telegraph if you
cannot give an
immediate answer.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/74 signed letter, 1f, pencil [13:397]

June 27/96

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Sister Charity gave me
great pleasure in seeing
her -

Is *Miss Hampson* with you?

Miss H of the *Rotunda*?

And would she like to see
me? I could see her
this afternoon at say
5.30 or Sunday afternoon,
rather than miss her
altogether -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end]

5476/75 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug. 22/96

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Welcome back! I
am sure you enjoyed
your holiday - & I hope
it has quite restored you.

I did not like to
trouble you at first -
But I hope now you
will give me an
afternoon as soon as
you can; any day except
Wednesday, on which
you and I are both
equally occupied

Is Miss Haig Brown
come?

Would you like me
to see her soon?

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Is Miss Mitchell, lately
Sister Charity - now
your Casualty Sister -
pro tem: because I had
something to send her?

FN

5476/76 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St 19/9/96

My dear Miss Gordon

I have been entirely
laid up with a feverish
attack for a fortnight -
& am still not allowed
to see any one or to
talk at all - Else you
should have heard from me

May I ask how Miss
Tilt (Sister Victoria) is?

Pray remember me
to Miss Haig Brown
ever yours sincerely

F.N.

5476/77 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:486-87]

10 South St. Oct 21/96

My dear Miss Gordon

Could you tell me
who is the best *Surgeon*
who attends *out* Patients
at St. Thomas?
& what *hour* she, a girl,
should go as an Out
Patient?

It is for a working girl,
the forefinger of whose
right hand has been
injured & badly treated
And to-day she was

Wellcome Ms 5481

told it must be
amputated. Another
Surgeon who told me
said there was no
need for amputation
& told her that if
she would come back
to him ~~at~~ tomorrow
morning, he would
tell her where to go
And he asked me
the best *Out Patient*
Surgeon at St. Thomas'

If you would kindly
tell me, I would let
~~you~~ know this Surgeon
the first thing in the
morning -

You see for a working
girl the forefinger of
the right hand is
most important
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/78 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 28/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

[12:487]

I shall be very
glad indeed to see you
on Friday afternoon as
you kindly propose.

Thank you for your
kindness about the little
Servant-maid - I hope
there is no further danger

I am very sorry
Miss Easton is going -
& very sorry for the

Scarlet Fever case - I
hope it is not severe
yours ever sincerely
F.N.

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/79 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Oct 24/96
My dear Miss Gordon

[12:487]

How can I thank you
enough for your great
kindness to that little
"maid"? I hope she
is doing well

And thank you very
much for the Table of
Operations - And please
thank Miss Pepper - It
interests me very much.

And please thank
Miss Haig Brown for
her List of Probationers -

I hope to be able to
see you & her this
next week if you can
find a day convenient -

God bless you & her -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

5476/80/1 - 2 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 31/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

[12:487]

My dear Miss Gordon
The wreath for
Nurse Harvey would
reach you in time, I hope,
for the poor mother, who
I think you said would take
the body home to-day -
It is a sad story - I
ventured to enclose an
Inscription to you for
the wreath -

Does Dr. Sharkey
think it an unusual thing

Wellcome Ms 5481

[2]
that a Workho: Nurse
training might be
better than a Hospital
Nurse's
God bless & maintain
you -
ever yrs sincerely
F.N.

5476/81 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 31/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
I feel with you about
Nurse Harvey's death -
You said that the body
was to be taken home -
Will you be so good as to
lay this wreath with these
words, on the coffin?
I feel for the mother.
May I see Miss Haig Brown
& make an appointment
when it is convenient to you
& her? I will gladly see all
the new Sisters as it is possible
afterwards / yrs F.N.

[end 12:487]

5476/82 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 4/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
You have not had an
answer about the Bible
Class, because Mr -
Bonham Carter has
been so immensely
busy. I have not seen
him since I saw you -
You were so good
as to say that you
wished me to see
Miss Spencer, the Night
Supt- I could see

Wellcome Ms 5481

her tomorrow (Thursday)
or Friday, if convenient -
But if this is not
convenient, I could
see her early next week
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

5476/83 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:487-88]

Nov 27/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Your Miss Spencer is
very like able - Would you
tell me some day what
the salary of the Night Supt-
is?

I hope to see two of
your Sisters a week
in the order of course
that you like, provided
you will kindly tell
me beforehand who 'she'
is -

But this week I should
be very glad to see Sister
Florence (Miss Allardyce
if quite convenient to
you & her

and another day any
new Sister you like -

At present I am
without an appointment
But there are appoint-
-ments which I could
not put off

Is Miss Shuter (Sister
Ophthalmic) going to

leave you for promotion?

If so, I should like
to see her before she

goes - I missed Miss Easton

yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

[end 12:488]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/84 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [13:521]

5 Dec/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have given a card
of introduction to you to
a lady from America,
Miss Charlotte Macleod,
head of a Training School
there -

She is an extremely
sagacious person - And
it seems to be well
conducted - They have
a time for Hospital
Nursing, another for Private

Nursing, another for
District Nursing, another
for Midwifery &c -

But Americans have
no idea of the importance
we attach to the training
under well trained
Ward Sisters

And I have addressed
her to you -

She is not at all
bookish

She has to leave England
by Christmas -

[end]

2. I am hoping to make
some more appointments
~~to~~ for your Ward Sisters
with you.

[12:492]

But we have had
such a drive of business
Would you kindly
~~make~~ for two days in
next week tell me for
what Sisters it would
be convenient to come
- not Friday - And I will
tell you if it is possible
for me -

Wellcome Ms 5481

3 - Could you without
much trouble say where
the Probationer *Irby* you
have comes from & tell
me - Miss *Irby*, our
friend from childhood,
who has educated the
women in Bosnia,
wants to know.

4 Please thank Miss
Haig Brown for her List
of Probationers - I shall
hope to see her, too, soon - [end]
yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

5476/85 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

12/12/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE.

W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Could you kindly tell [12:492-93]
me, without much trouble,
whether the Casse probationer,
who was examined with
the R. rays for a needle in
her foot, has been operated
on & how she is going on?
I could see any two Sisters
you like next week, except
Friday & Saturday, & I am
afraid I must say, except
Monday - And if you wish
to make Miss Shuter one of [end]

them, pray do -
sincerely yours
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/86 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 17/96

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

My dear Miss Gordon

If it would suit Miss
Shuter to come on
Saturday afternoon, I
have unexpectedly
Saturday free- And I
hope she will forgive me
that I was unavoidably
prevented on Tuesday -

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

You know perhaps that Mr
Bonham Carter's brother
died almost suddenly on
Monday night

5476/87 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 30/96

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

My dear Mrs. Gordon

Thank you exceedingly
for your Christmas letter -
I am glad that they all so
enjoyed themselves.

I had not heard of the
Treasurer's illness till the
day before your letter -
Will you kindly tell him
how grieved I am, & that I
hope he soon will be quite
restored?

I am interrupted
Please give my thanks to
Miss Haig Brown for her
share in the entertainment
ever yrs sincerely

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/88 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:494-95]

10 S. St Dec 30/96

My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you very
much for Miss Hampson's
letter - I always regret
people exchanging
Public for Private work -

Do they know what
they are about?

With a Committee
so generous & a Master
so kind, I should have
thought she might have
held on a little longer -

Who is "Sister Lucy"?
Is she the one who was
Sister of the Obstetric
Wards under Miss Hampson?
I forget her name, but
I think I remember her
at St. Thomas' - & her
very skilful management
of a massage case -

Miss Shuter - Don't you
feel rather uneasy
about her future - not
at all because of the
"disagreeables" which
it is a pleasure (or
ought to be) to set to
rights - but because
the organization or
administration of the
Hospital seems all on
a wrong basis - an
unworkable basis

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 12:495]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/89 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:495]

New Year's Day

1897

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Many thanks for your letter - I am so grieved for the painful condition of the Nurse before whom no prospect of recovery remains Of course where she is now is the very best place for her -

But should life be prolonged longer than she can be kept at St. Thomas', do you know the Cancer Hospital? The Nursing there is so excellent - And they take incurable cases - I have a Patient there now, (who was a Nurse 17 years

ago at St. Thomas',) with incurable internal Cancer that is in the Rectum - who is as well taken care of there as possible But I would not mention

this to your poor Nurse at present - She would dread another Hospital

I am afraid I have committed a mistake -

Did I not give £5 to the Probationers' Xmas as well as to the Hospital.

Tho' it is full late, you will say, I will send you £5 for the Probationers' Home now, if you like it -

[end 12:495]

Wellcome Ms 5481

"Ramsden " was the name
of the Nurse I liked at St.
T.'s. Thank you
Again I am interrupted
but am
always yours
F. Nightingale

5476/90 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:495]

Jan 2/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
Would you mind
letting the poor Cancer - ed
Nurse in Christian
Small Ward have
this nosegay? It sometimes
gives a moment's
pleasure to a great
sufferer to see how
God was thinking of *her*
when He made those
beautiful flowers
I don't know what
nourishment is given

or *how* it is given
but I have sent a little
Jelly.

[end 12:495]

in haste
yours sincerely
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/91 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [12:495-96]

Jan 5/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I hope some Orange
Jelly I send will still
be pleasant to poor
Nurse Clemence - One
feels so sorry for her, cut
off so suddenly from her
work.

I send also a little
Port Wine Jelly which my
young cook was so anxious
to make for her - But I don't
recommend it - Is she
ordered Stimulants?

Also a little Chicken

Broth, which I don't
recommend either.

But, if you could kindly
ask me for anything you
would like for her?
Might I ask when Miss

Shuter (S. Ophthalmic) is
going? I think I should
like to see her again
before she goes.

yrs sincerely

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/92 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

[12:496]

10 S. St 12/1/97

My dear Miss Gordon

I send poor Nurse
Clemence some oysters
(which the Doctor chose
for me) - not knowing
what to send & hearing
that she might have
anything she could take -
& some Chicken which
perhaps they would warm
up for her - She shall
have some Jelly tomorrow
if she still likes it

ever yours

F.N.

5476/93 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Feb 24/97

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I do trust that you
have profited much
by the sea air. I do not
know whether you have
returned - but hope
if you *have* profited
that you did not
{page torn half way down page}

5476/94 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[12:496]

10 S. St. Feb 27/97

Dear Miss Gordon

I hope you are
faithful to your plan
of going out every day -

And I wish you would
let us send you something
that you would like
// I have this day written
to some Sisters whom I
know, some of whose Sister=
=hood were out with me
in the Crimea - They

Wellcome Ms 5481

have a "Home" near

Wellcome Ms 5481

Ascot for Incurables
but many of their
Incurables have turned
out Convalescents -
I have told them about
Nurse Clemence - & left
them to judge

I had a little boy
there who had to leave
St. Thomas after 2 years
"incurable" - *They* took him
in= he lived there two
years very happily &
died there after 2 years
more.

I cannot at all anticipate
what they will say about
poor Nurse Clemence -
I ~~do not~~ hardly think they
would take her in for
life - but I fancy you
were only looking for
a *temporary* "Home" - for
Convalescence -

Would you come &
see me this next week? At
present every day except
Tuesday is open - But
don't come if it is any

risk or fatigue to you
yrs ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/95 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 S St March 1/97

[12:496-97]

My dear Miss Gordon

I trust you are still recovering.

Nurse Clemence I am sorry & grieved that the Sisters of Ascot Priory cannot take her in at ~~least~~ ~~not~~ all events not till after Easter - their Women's Ward is undergoing cleansing & repairs - Their Doctors now also disapprove of their taking in Cancer Patients because of the other

Patients. But the Mother Superior (who dictates her letter, for she is herself ill) would try her for a few weeks after Easter out of affection, if we liked it. They have no means of privacy but screens - I did not quite understand from your letter whether you wanted a Convalescent Home or an Incurable Home for life for poor Nurse Clemence - // The Mother Superior recommends for Cancer cases

--Worthing, (a Hospital)
St. Andrews
nursed by Wantage Sisters
-- Maybury Hill, Woking
by St Peter's Sisters
-- St. Saviour's

Osnaburg Street
by All Saints' Sisters
I am grieved that it is impossible for me to enquire into these places
I wrote to the Ascot Priory Sisters, because I know them, & know their Nursing to be

Wellcome Ms 5481

very good -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I hope to hear good
news of you & to
see you
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/96 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

March 4/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I was so sorry not
to be able to accept your
kind visit to-day= & still
more sorry not to be
able to fix tomorrow or
Saturday, as you are
so good as to offer- I
will write as soon as I
can - I know how
busy you must be.

// One of our best &
oldest Matrons writes

[12:497]

to ask:

"if the St. Thomas'
"Night Nurses now have
"two nights off duty
"each month" ?
I thought the arrangement
was: that the two nights
"off duty" of two months
were clubbed together
so that the Nurse
should have two nights
& three days off duty if she
liked - together once in two
months

If this is correct, please
only write Yes
& I shall understand.
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 12:497]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/97 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St March 15/97

My dear Miss Gordon

May I ask if Nurse
Ruddock is coming to me
on Wednesday at 5?
and if she goes out to
serve as a Sister, or *under*
a Sister?

[10:789]

Anything that you
would kindly tell me
in answer to my last
note I should be
thankful for -

Am I troubling you
too much?

Miss Mills was so
completely a blank sheet
of paper regarding India
when I saw her & tried
to give her some inform=
=ation, & when she wrote
to me (which she did)
she seemed little more
'organized', that I am
anxious to be of some
little use to Nurse
Ruddock if I could. For I suppose she does not

know more than Miss Mills
did - [end 10:789]

yours ever sincerely

F.N.

5476/98 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

March 18/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon

Many thanks for your
letter & its enclosures
which I will faithfully
return.

I saw Nurse Ruddock
yesterday, & liked her
very much; but she is

Wellcome Ms 5481

absolutely ignorant
{rest of page torn off}

Wellcome Ms 5481

on Thursday - are you
not? You would
like me to see her
first - should you not?

Under whom is she going?
[Do not be afraid that
I shall make her afraid
- quite the contrary -
{rest of page torn off}]

I could see her either
on Saturday or Monday
at 5.30, if you please.

5476/99 signed letter, 1f, pencil

March 24/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I augur success for Nurse **[10:794]**
Franklin - she is very much
to be liked. But I tremble
at the prospect of Surgeon
Major Genl= at Bombay
who is, I believe, the great
Dr. Haffkine, Inoculator
of Plague & Diphtheria

Do they inoculate for
Diphtheria at St. Thomas'?

Nurse Franklin told
me how kind you had

been to her -
Would you like me to
see Sister Arthur (Mrs.
Swan)? I could see her
at present any afternoon
this week.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 10:794]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/100/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 18/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Very many thanks for **[10:788]**
your letter, & your news
of Nurse Ruddock - on her
journey, seeing Miss Loch &
the Nurses - & at Peshawur. **[end 10:788]**

I am so sorry about
Nurse Cooper - the Probationer

May you have all
rest & pleasure upon your
well-earned holiday, &
return in perfect health -
is the prayer of

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/100/2
{envelope}

Miss Gordon
St. Thomas' Hospital
S.E.

18/5/97

5476/101 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 26/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Welcome back again.
I hope you are quite rested
We could not send last
night, for the streets
were completely blocked
up -

I have only this morning
been able to order the
plants for you -
We are too near Jubilee
Day - But I hope the
plants will arrive in time
I wish you all with all my

Wellcome Ms 5481

heart a happy day -
I will settle the money
matters with Mr. Bonham
Carter -
My heart is full for you
all. But I am so pressed
& I have illness in the house
& no time to say the
fulness of my heart -
You did not send me an
invitation, did you?
Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5476/102 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[12:500]

10 South St. W. July 7/97
My dear Miss Gordon
Thank you very much
for your letter - I am glad
Miss Roberts has the appointment
she likes [has she much
experience in fever?] &
sorry if I cannot see
her before she goes - I have
a very heavy day to-day
about India - & have no
time till say 5.30 tomorrow
(Thursday) afternoon - And
you say she leaves tomorrow
I should like to have heard
too what she could tell me

about the Fever Hospital
at Monsall
But If I cannot see her
will you kindly give her
my very best wishes &
ask her to get something
for herself she would like
& send the Acct- to me
I am so sorry about Mr.
Clutton being still so
weak from his illness -

Wellcome Ms 5481

Nurse Franklin - yes, I
have heard from her - She
told me she had written
to you - You know that
Cutch where she is gone
is an entirely native
state But I will
send you her letter

Poor Nurse Cooper: how
glad I am she is better -
in haste

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

2 Wards, Beatrice & Elizabeth

I am afraid I cannot

go on sending twice
a week little goodies
to these two Wards -
We are so very busy -
the last time I sent I
only sent Jelly -
do you approve of
my leaving off now entirely?
after the jelly I shall send to-day
& if so would you
kindly tell them? Or
would you prefer my
going on for once- or twice
more?

F.N.

I am afraid you yourself
have a sprained ancle
I hope it is better

F.N.

[end 12:500]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/103 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [12:501]

Aug 18/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I send you a Cross, a
Wreath & a few flowers for
dear Nurse Clemence, tho'
it seems a mockery to
send things after death
when one has done
nothing in her last days
to please or comfort her.

But you have pleased
& comforted her, I know.

You do not say
where she is to be buried

I have been so driven
for many months that
it has been impossible
for me to resume my
dearly prized privilege
of seeing you all from
St. Thomas' -

I hope to do so now -
Could you come on
Saturday - at 5.30, or
if you are too busy,

[I am afraid Miss Haig
Brown will be gone - who
takes her place during

her holiday? & who
is your Assistant?]
is there any Ward Sister
whom you would like
me to see? or rather *which*?
but please tell me before

Saturday who it is -
I hope you ancle is
quite well -

ever yours

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/104 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Sept. 4/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I have been so sorry
this past week not to
claim my wished - for
visits from the Sisters -
But I have been so driven
- I shall hope for better
luck next wish & write
to you -

Please thank Sister
Heritage for her nice
List of Probationers -

[12:501]

I have had a letter
from a person I did not
know to ask me to make

"interest" for her entrance
as a Probationer - (not a
'Special') I think I shall
just write to her that it
is no matter of "interest"
& then send you the letter,
if you will be so good
as to have the usual
papers forwarded to her

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/105 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:503]

Sept 19/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Thank you for writing.

I am so sorry about
Nurse Cooper - It is a
disastrous case, is it not?
What a sad prospect
for after life -

How is it for
swallowing? Is there
any thing I could send
her?

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

I rejoice that the Scarlet
Fever case is doing so well

[end 12:503]

5476/106 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [12:503-04]

Sept 24/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

Thanks for your letter -

I send some soup for
Nurse Cooper in Elizabeth
Small Ward which we
have been making since
yesterday morning. I hope
it will be "strong" as you say
And I will send some
"stiffer" Jelly for her tomorrow
2 Could you kindly tell
me *the name* of one of
ours who is now at the
head of the Co-operative

Wellcome Ms 5481

Nurses in Weymouth or
Mansfield St - is it? And
could you tell me also
the *number* ~~also~~? I am
mad with myself for
having forgotten it all. For
I have seen her quite
lately - [An English lady
from Italy who has been
doing a great deal lately
for raising the bad Italian
Nursing called upon me
yesterday by appointment -
She wants to know all
about how "Co-operative"

Nurses are paid & how they
pay - And I, for fear of
making mistakes, am
desirous of getting her the
information *first-hand* -
She is in a great hurry
to get back to Italy for
the October term]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I have had a nice little
cheerful letter from poor
(I think I must not call
her 'poor') Nurse Cooper,
which is very good of her

for I suppose she is
quite aware of her state
& regrets to give up her Nursing -

She speaks of the
great kindness she is
receiving - at
St. Thomas' = FN

Has she been
Staff Nurse there?

[end 12:504]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/107 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 2/97

[12:504]

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

My dear Miss Gordon
Thank you very much for
your letter. I did not
know that Miss Pepper
was leaving her Babies
& am very sorry, as I am
quite sure she will be

Do you think that it
would be convenient
for her to come & see me
tomorrow (Wednesday)
at 3.30? I name
an earlier hour than usual

as it is so dark so early
now - & my eyes are
failing.

I should be very sorry
not to see her again

2. I was going to
write to you to ask
how are the Proba=
=tioners taught to
'drop drops' into the
eyes & ~~all~~ those little
Nursing operations now
so much used?

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/108 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 22/97

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

My dear Miss Gordon

I beg you will accept
my little contribution
to your Christmas festivities
I hope to see you
after the Christmas
bustle is over, but I
know it is only troubling
you to ask you now -

All Christmas
joys & blessings for you
- to you who give so
much to others

I have sent some toys

for Victoria which

I hope may be
acceptable -

ever yours

F Nightingale

5476/109 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 27/97

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

[12:504]

My dear Miss Gordon

We shall have no
evergreens from Embley
this year, I am sorry to
say - And I am so sorry
I forgot to order the
plants for Christmas
Day. But I have done it
{rest of the page is torn off}

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/110 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Jan 15/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I have spared you
during the Christmas
holidays (so-called, but
really almost the busiest
days of the year) -

Could you kindly
come & see me on
Tuesday or Thursday next
at 3.15 if quite
convenient to you - I
say so early an hour,

because the day light
is so short -

If not convenient
to you, would Miss Haig
Brown be able to come
either of those days at
that ~~hour~~, hour, or any
of the Sisters I do not
know who would be
willing & able to come -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
A happy New Year to all-

Mrs. Hannay I hear is
going to leave you - Perhaps
she is gone - If not,
would *she* come on
Monday at 3.15? I
should be sorry not to see
her again.

FN

I shall hope for you
another day when it
is convenient to you
about that hour

FN

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/111 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:505]

Jan 29/98

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

My dear Miss Gordon

It is possible that
the pressure of January
may have passed away

Might I see you or
Miss Haig Brown or
one of the Sisters
whom I have not seen
on Monday or Tuesday?
at 4 o'clock -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I have an offer of a
delightful little place

near Burnham Woods
which one of the Verneys
has vacated for a time
for an Invalid who
wants change for a time

Have you one?

F.N.

5476/112 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 10/98

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

My dear Miss Gordon

It seems to me a long
time since I have had
the pleasure of seeing you

Could you, at such
short notice, come to me
to-morrow (Saturday)
at 5 or soon after?

Or would you like, if you
cannot come, to send me
some one else? Miss Haig
Brown? But I ought to
write to her - Or some

Wellcome Ms 5481

Sister?
This, I am afraid, is
giving trouble - in haste
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I ought to add that I
have nothing very
pressing to say.

5476/113 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug. 28/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon
It is a long while
since I have seen you.
I should like much
to see you to-morrow,
Monday, at 5, if quite
convenient to you; but
if not is there any
Probationer or Sister
whom you would like
me to see, & who
would like to see me
~~on~~ *tomorrow at 5?*
I should get a letter

(posted to night) tomorrow
morning - but I do
not get your letters
posted in the morning
till two in the afternoon.

Pray do not however
"fash" yourself about
this - It is my fault
(or rather my misfortune)
giving you such short
notice. Pray forgive
me.

yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

If you send a Sister or
Probationer, & are kind
enough to write, please
tell me who she is

Wellcome Ms 5481

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/114 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:506]

June 28/99

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

Dear Miss Gordon

I understand that our
little St. Thomas' fête
is on Saturday

Will you allow me to
to send you my contribution
with best love & good
wishes to every body.

I shall hope to see
a number of us next
week & after

yours ever
F. Nightingale

5476/115 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:506]

July 1/99

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

Dear Miss Gordon

My best wishes
for you & our
gathering - God
bless them -

I have failed in
getting roses in pots
I hope these cut
roses will bring
the best of good

wishes on every
petal -

ever yours & theirs

(your pupils')
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/116 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

To enquire Jany 3/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

[12:507]

Dear Miss Gordon

I was so done up
that I could not write on
New Year's Day as I
intended - tho' it was
the new century as well
as the New Year -

But you know you &
yours are always on my
heart, which is now
wishing you & yours
every happiness &
prosperity: of which I

think you must have a
great deal -
My love to every one of
yours -

I send a small sum for
your entertainment, just
to show that I am thinking
of you & am
yours ever

F. Nightingale

If your health at all
corresponds with my
prayer, it must be
excellent -

Wellcome Ms 5481

5476/117 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Fiday March 30/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

or dear Miss Haig Brown [12:507]

Nurse Agg did not make
her appearance to-day
to my great regret,
because I am engaged
every other day except
to-morrow (Saturday)
or Wednesday in next
week

[end]

ever yours
F. Nightingale

5476/118 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:507-08]

Tuesday May 28 1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Gordon

I am putting off people
who were appointed -
And I should be very
glad to see

Nurse Talbot
" Macdonald

one on Thursday }
one on Friday} at 5
I will send you £15
for each.

[I have a lady tomorrow

(Wednesday) from Siam
whom I cannot put off.]
I should be glad to
know *which* will come
on *which* day - & any
information or hints you
can possibly spare time
- you or your amanuensis
- to give
ever yours
F. Nightingale

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5476/119/1 - 3 signed letter, 6ff, pen

{letter to My dear children (To All our Nurses) of May 28, 1900 -
not transcribed as it may already be published}

5476/120/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil [12:508]

Nov 6/1902
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Gordon

I thought I might write you
a few lines to say how very
sorry I am to hear that
you have to leave but most
of all for the cause.

St. Thomas will miss you
very much indeed after you
have been there so long.
The Hospital will never
forget all your good,
your great work there -

If ever you are well
enough to come to
London, you will be

I am sure good enough to come & see
me - to see yours ever
Florence Nightingale

5476/120/2

{postmarked envelope} LONDON S.E.
{not all in FN hand} 1:15 PM

NO 7
02

Please forward
5 Paston Place
Brighton

Miss Gordon
~~S. Thomas' Hospital~~
~~Westminster~~
~~S.W.~~

5476/121 signed letter, 2ff, pen by Harry Verney to Miss Gordon, 12
Dec 1892

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5477, correspondence with Mrs T.H. Green, 19 letters, 27 pages

5477/1/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 19/84

My dear Madam 10, SOUTH STREET,

I was so very sorry PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
not to be able to see you when you
were so kind as to call here
last month: & if possible still
more sorry when I received
your kind note. Do not judge
of the depth & strength of interest.
I feel on your course which
I know will be a noble one
wherever it is by my silence.

But give me another opportunity
when you can of having the
great joy of making your
acquaintance. And tell me a
few days beforehand.

I have been waiting for time &
strength (in vain) to write to you.
I have been so overwhelmed with
Indian business You will excuse
& know how heartily I say: God
bless you & your work. Will you
not say too: 'God bless you'?
Mrs. Green F. Nightingale

5477/1/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Please forward

Mrs. Green

4 Banbury Road

19/11/84 Oxford

Wellcome Ms 5481

5477/2/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St

W

Jan 5/85

Dear Madam

I shall be so glad
to see you at 5.30 on
Friday next, Jan 9, as
you so kindly propose.

Till then, fare you
very well -

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

5477/2/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green

4 Banbury Road

5/1/85

Oxford

5477/3/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

Jan 15/85

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Madam

I am so very, very sorry for
your misfortune- I trust that it
will soon be recovered -

With all our care, we do not
always escape these disastrous
fingers at St. Thomas'-

May I send you our "Precautions"

tho' this rather increases my
pain at your pain -

God bless you

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

5477/3/2 printed article, Memorandum for Probationers as to Finger
Poisoning &c, July 1878, re: Memo for Probrs on beginning Ward Work

5477/3/3 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green

4 Banbury Road

Wellcome Ms 5481

Oxford

15/1/85

Wellcome Ms 5481

5477/4/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil [8:955-56]

March 19/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

I am most anxious to see you
but grieved to think that till
next week I shall not have
a minute I can certainly call my own -
we have been sending out
Trained Nurses & are sending out
things - to the Seat of War -
you never think of going there -
do you? - I do not mean as Trained

Nurse to deal, alas! with numbers
of wounded and of fevers-
but to go up, for instance, in one
of the boats of the Pr. of Wales' Branch
(of the Nat. Aid Socy-) to fetch down
cases to Cairo from up the Nile
or in the yacht which ~~has~~ is to ply from
Souakim to Suez with Patients?

God bless you: I hope you will be
in London} ever yours most faithfully
again } F. Nightingale

5477/4/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Mrs. Green
4 Banbury Road
Oxford

19/3/85

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5477/5/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 13/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Madam

I have always been so
very sorry that your kind
intention of paying me a
visit has fallen through -
I should be so very glad of
an opportunity of making
your acquaintance. My
time, like yours, is very
much filled up. But if
you should be coming to
London next week or the
week after, & would
kindly make an appointment
to see me some afternoon

~~at~~ about 5 o'clock *after*

Monday, 19, I think
I could promise to put off
almost any engagement
for it: especially if
you could give me a
choice of afternoons.

I could offer you a bed,
if you would kindly take it.

Pray believe me
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. T.H. Green

5477/5/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Please forward

Mrs. T.H. Green
Banbury Road
Oxford

13/10/85

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5477/6/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Nov 13/85 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address}

My dear Madam

I cannot but take advantage
of your "free day", which you
kindly offer me, & ask you
whether it would suit you
to come to me at 5 o'clock
tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Hoping to meet you at last
pray believe me

ever sincerely yours

Mrs. Green Florence Nightingale

5477/6/2 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. T.H. Green
Nursing Home
London Hospital
Whitechapel Road
E.

13/11/85

5477/7/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

10 South St. Park Lane W. Feb 8/86
My dear Madam

Pray accept my best thanks
for your kindness in sending me
Miss Lückes' two books, which I
shall study.

I trust you will tell me
your next day "out", if you
kindly feel inclined to bestow
some part of the afternoon
upon me. I shall be so glad to

see you again - & that I may
have this pleasure, please
tell me several days beforehand
that I may arrange -

God bless you & your work
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Green

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5477/7/2 postmarked envelope & postcard, 2ff, pen

{envelope:} Mrs. Green
Probationers' Home
London Hospital
E.

8/2/86

{back of p.c.:}
On Saturday 17th- at 5
if that will suit you, & you
will be so very good- I shall
be so happy.

F. Nightingale
April 15/86 [goldie April 13]

{front of p.c.:}
Mrs Green
11 Cambridge Terrace
Hyde Park

15/4/86

W.

5477/9/1 {blacked edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept. 19/93
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mrs. Green

Thank you many
times for your kind
letter. I am so grieved
you are ill yourself.
But I trust you will
soon be better

I think you may
like to see Sir W.
Broadbent's bulletin
of to-day which
Mrs. L. Campbell was

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so very good as to
send me.

I know no one but
yourself, expounding
Sir H. Acland, who
could prevail on the
Master "to stay in bed
"for a week".

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

I have thought so much
of you in your anxiety
& trouble which the
Master told me of -
F.N.

5477/9/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
19/9/93 Oxford

5477/10/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [3:213-14]

10 South St. W. Oct 2/93
My dear Mrs. Green

We must mourn intensely
him who has passed away
& feel: we might perhaps
have had another year
of him. But our feeling
too must be that of joy
for him- What would one
give to go a little
way with him & know
what he knows now.

Was there not
something of the agony
of Christ in his last
agony - disappointment
in an ungrateful boy,
expiation for others, &
physical suffering which

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might have been saved
had ~~you~~ & others been
like you & Mrs. Lewis
Campbell.

But now he knows what
he could never have
known here.

He lived nearer to God
than any I have ever
known but one

But oh! I wish he had
done a little more in
reconstruction!

How he loved you-
you were like a
daughter to him. He
used to say of you
that you were like a

Sermon on the Mount
walking the streets of
Oxford.

You saved his life
last time with the
"Socratic argument" in
feeding him.

Oh that he had taken
a little more care of
poor "Brother Ass."

Some day perhaps ~~he~~
you will tell me more
of his last hours:

Thank you more
than I can say for your
letters.

I always fancy that,

tho' he could not speak,
he had perhaps more
consciousness than appeared.
Perhaps he was already
in the Immediate Presence
of God -

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

3:214]

[end

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5477/11/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:214]

Oct 21/93

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

My dear Mrs. Green

I was so grateful to
you for your dear letter - And
I should so like to know
those passages in the Apocrypha
which Mr. Jowett liked.

Did you notice that in
almost the last letter, I
suppose, which he wrote
with his own hand - to the
Vice Chancellor, I think - about
the Public School- boys whom
he proposed to admit to the
University, he said: the new
time is coming: will it work in

with the old time - the new
& the old? how will it be?
or something to that effect

What would one not give
to go a little way with him
where he is gone now? Now
he knows. You know he
doubted our individuality in
the next world - he who had
the strongest individuality in
this that ever was known.
And I used to chaff him &
say: Do you think the
Heads of Houses are all
boiled down together, & stirred
up with a spoon? But he
never would say what he
meant.

Now he knows- But we
shall never know through
him.

I hope you will kindly see
me when you come to London
or somehow -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end 3:214]

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5477/10/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen {archivist:} [Just after Mr Jowett's death]

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish under]
2/19/93 {19 overtop 10}

5477/12/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

Tuesday Nov 21/93 {21 overtop illeg}
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Green

How good of you to write! I would not miss you for the world- nor boring you here on the "chance" of seeing me

Would "Thursday" at 5.15 suit you? Or is the hour too late for you? Perhaps you ought not to be out in the dark in foggy London - I could make it earlier, if desirable for you.

You little know what an immense favour you did me in sending me that book - & the more because of the dear & precious value it has to you - But I cannot give it back. I have never seen it before.

We have so much to talk of that I will not trouble you now.

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

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5477/11/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen {postmarked OC 23 93}

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish under]

5477/12/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford

21/11/93

5477/13/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil [most in 3:213-14]

Sept 30/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Mrs. Green

I have been longing
to see you - And I
would put off every
thing to see you on
Thursday Oct 4 at 5,
as you so kindly offer.

It is a year now
since we parted
from him - And to you
& me it is all fresh
as if it were yesterday
& will be while we
live- And yet there

[3:214-15]

was nothing personal
in it: it was the
feeling of his great
soul & his great
work -

I have lost in one
twelvemonth the three
nearest to me -

I shall be so glad
to see you. The homes
I knew him in are
all destroyed- The

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friends I knew him
with are all gone.
He knows now whether
there is a future world, which he
sometimes seemed to
doubt, with the
personal grace of
God on it.

 yours ever
 F. Nightingale
How you cheered life &
 death for him!

[end 3:215]

5477/13/2 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

 Mrs. Green
 Banbury Road
 Oxford [flourish under]

30/9/94

5477/14/1 {black-edged paper} initialled letter, 2ff, pencil, typed
copy 45812 f196

Oct 8/94

[3:215-16]

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

Dearest Mrs. Green

 I had so much comfort
& pleasure from your kind
visit

 About "In the sight of
the unwise they seemed to
die": it is a very striking
verse. But Mr. Jowett
was so much more than a
"wise" man. There have been,
I suppose, more learned men
than he at Oxford - more
clever men- men of thought.
But he was the man who
transmogrified the whole
spirit of Oxford- mainly
by that spirit of love to
God & man which made
him see what was for
the good of man- which

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lifted him entirely above
the whole of the Oxford
controversies in theology
which resembled so
much quarrels &
persecutions- I can
remember the time when
no Liberal would on any
account send his sons to
Oxford. ~~Now~~ Oxford is now
in the true Liberal sense
more advanced than
Cambridge- Now all of
this was the work of one
man - not a great preacher, not a
great theologian, not a great philosopher

2- Do you think that
servants & uneducated
people who yet were
so deeply attached to
him would understand

that verse- or many
educated people either?
Yet you don't want to
set people thinking over
a the grave of a great man,
you want to set them
feeling-

It is very tempting to use that
verse- And I don't trust my
own judgment_ but I have
asked another. He chose:

"~~From~~ Out of the darkness, thro' the
shadows into the light"

Or

"He that doeth the will, he shall
know of the doctrine"

[Mr. Jowett thought so much
more of the man than the
doctrine]

Or "Now abideth faith, hope,
love- But the greatest of these
is love. [Or the last clause by
itself]

Or "*Love never faileth*"-

F.N.

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[end 3:216]

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5477/14/2 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

[3]

he never entered a

Church afterwards,
except to be married.

He was the most *bigoted*
of (Anti-) - ~~Churchmen~~ churches.]
However, this is little of nothing
to the point:

3. for the tomb- stone,
all wish for

"Love never faileth"

But I am afraid

I am recommending
such a congeries of
things - 3 things besides "Wisdom" & had better

hold my pen
Excuse this scrambling
letter -

I feel so your superiority
You wished for nothing
but that *he* should
be *himself* & that
you might be permitted
to prolong that *life*
which was like
'living water' to so
many-

And I feel so that

Christ's words/answers:

*I am the Way & the
Truth & the Life*

*I am the door
I am the bread
&c &c &c*

were so applicable
to him - ~~And yet~~

I suppose it
would be thought
horribly profane -
And yet we are
always talking about
being *Christ-like* -

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and it *is* true that
 except we are" the
"way" to our pupils
& dependents, we are
nothing -

 God bless you
 ever yours
 F. Nightingale

5477/14/3 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen {archivist:} [about
texts for Mr Jowett's tombstone]

 Mrs- Green
 9 Banbury Road
 Oxford

5477/15/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pencil, typed copy
45812 f200

10 South St Oct 17/94
Park Lane W.
Dearest Mrs. Green

 It was impossible
for me when I last
wrote to add the question
so near my heart- And
this is: about Mr. Jowett's
letters to me -

 I have not looked over
any more since I had
the great pleasure of
seeing you - [Yet it seems
o me a matter of more
importance than the
looking over books on
Nursing which are sent
to me to criticize from
all the English- speaking
 world.]

It is like a mania]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Almost all that I *have*
looked over are letters -of
criticism quite free & open
(on persons) which a
man like Mr. Jowett
would consider most
confidential

Oct 19/94

I could not write any more

My object is again to
ask your kind advise -

I think the printed paper
you were so good as to
send me is dated

February- ~~i.e. immediately~~

That gives all letters to
Mr. Evelyn Abbott to
see - It must

have been some time

after that Prof. &
Mrs. Campbell asked all
letters to be sent to *them*
& that I (foolishly) accepted
their kindness to
communicate with Mr.
Abbott for me

I would not for the
world make any the
slightest ~~difference~~ coolness
between the friends, Mr.
Abbott & Mr. Campbell

But I think it makes
a great difference - Mr-
& Mrs. Campbell being away

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_I could hardly be
expected to send Mr-
Jowett's confidential
letters round by Scotland.
You see how anxious I am
that even the little of
information I could give
about him to set his
life before the world
should not be lost,
& will pardon my
troubling you- I cannot
make up my mind what
he would have liked
best-
But I think he would

5477/15/2

[2]
have said, like Sir G.
Lewis, that the
indiscretion of biographers
"adds a new terror to
"death" -
I wish, as you kindly
wish, that I could "see
"Mr. Abbott." But that
is impossible. I had
rather confide Mr. Jowett's
letters, or a part of them,
to him than to any one.
But there lies the real
difficulty- I cannot
expect to have the time

or strength necessary
to make the selection -
// I do not think, but
do not know, that
there are so many letters
~~before~~ after the Mastership-
// I do not think any body
could help me in the
selection - or that I
should ever have strength
to dictate even to a short
hand writer -
//Possibly you may

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have had

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some conversation with
Mr. Abbott on the
subject since I saw you

II Were you so good
as to find out from Sir
Wm Markby what
that photograph Colnaghi's is of me
which he wants to give
(I know nothing about it)
to the Sarah Acland Home.

Could you also ask Sir
H. Acland? [I have
reason to think that its
President would not like
this] if he likes it to be given

//I have been interrupted
over & over again even
while writing this scrambling
letter- Forgive me
Ought one ever to show
letters which one knows
the writer would never
have written had he
known they would be shown.
Yet it seems absurd in me
to make such a fuss-
What a gap Mr. Jowett
leaves in the world! Yet
every one goes his or her way
God bless you
ever yours

F. Nightingale
Mrs. Green

5477/16 {black-edged paper}

signed letter, 1f, pencil
My dear Mrs. Green Oct 18
I only arrived last night &
can scarcely speak & scarcely stand.
But I would gladly see you at
3.30 if I can be of the least use,
& if you will not be in London
again shortly. Good cheer-
yours most sincerely
F. Nightingale

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5477/17/1-2 {black-edged paper} incomplete letter, 3ff, pen & pencil
[3:216-17]

Claydon Ho: Nov 4/94
Winslow {40 years ago
Bucks {to- day we landed
at Scutari Hospitals
{How God has guided
us!

Dearest Mrs. Green

With regard to words
on the tomb-stone:
"They that put their trust
in Him shall understand
the truth, & such as be
faithful in love shall
abide with Him"

Wisdom III. 9

Seems very appropriate.
/// There is a feeling, is
there not? - that there
ought to be besides
something}
a line } from Scripture
something}
4. A line } from *Plato*
(his translation, of
course)

2. but above all a line
expressing that it was
his LIFE (not his
preaching or his doctrine
- he always said: the *man*
was greater than the doctrine)
his *life* that exercised
the extraordinary unconscious influence
he had not only over
the College, not only
over the University
but over the world-
People would like a
line to tell them this.

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5477/17/2

[2]

This is the line which
has been suggested.

"Ye are our epistle,
written in our hearts,
known & read of all men".

2 Cor. 3.2 -

[It was thought that
there was an expression
"living epistle"- but
we cannot find it in
the Bible]

Mr. Jowett was indeed
"written in our hearts".
It was not his preaching
- it was not his

Theodicea

for he had none -
it was his *fatherliness*-
himself, his life-
he was a *FATHER* to them
all (all those often
naughty boys) in the
sense that a real
true father does not
think only of his sons'
University careers
(as too many tutors do)
but of their *lives*'
whole careers -
And this was Mr.
Jowett- *this* was his
life & influence- his

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parties!!! &c &c his
natural life. He
strove to be "natural"-
(to my great indignation)
as he told me himself -
[We think this should
be prominently put
forward.]

There were some of us
who greatly feared
that after he was
gone, *that* would
happen which happens
after the death of Dr.
Arnold of Rugby, who
~~He~~ had immense influence

but no Theodicea -

And some of his
pupils turned Roman
Catholics - and some
Rationalists (in the
vulgar sense), because
he had deeply impressed
them, but left them
nothing definite

[One of his ~~Mr Jowett's~~ very best
pupils, now dead, told
me himself that, when
"Arnold died" he thought
"the world had come
"to an end - but, tho' the
most religious of men,

[end 3:217]

5477/17/3 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

Mrs. Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford [flourish]

4/11/94

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5477/18/1-2 {black-edged paper} incomplete letter, 4ff, pencil **[8:956]**

Claydon Ho: Nov 11/94

Winslow

Bucks

Dearest Mrs. Green

Thank you so very
much for the picture as
a younger man of
our dear friend. It was
like him to the last -
for his face never grew
old, tho' his breathlessness
made his figure like
that of an old man.
His hair was, I believe,
always white - which
added, by contrast, to

the youthfulness of his
expression - Michael Angelo
said that the face of
those who preserved
their purity of life
~~remained~~ preserved
their youthfulness to
the end

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I cannot think what
the "engraving" of me
with the "owl" is, unless
it be from a drawing
by my Sister now dead, which I have

[end]

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never seen- The "owl" I
assure you was a much
more interesting person
than I. He fell out of
his nest on the Parthenon
(a very small fluffy owl- the
Athenian owl- & was
called Athenà) and
I rescued him from
some boys, who were
tormenting him, for
the sum of one parà -
I brought him home to England in
my pocket, where I regret
to say he ate a live

Athenian grass hopper,
but failed to make
any impression on two
small tortoises which
I was also bringing
to England- When he was
adopted at {overtop At} my old home in
England, he lived princi=
=pally in a book-case
behind the books,
where he made his
presence known by
uttering a peculiar cry,
some 150 times, like
a prayer- But with the

[2]
extraordinary instinct {overtop illeg}
of some animals -
smile of you please
-he dropped off his
perch dead when he
heard I was going
to the Crimea, tho' he
had not see me for
15 months- [I was
keeping a Hospital in
London for sick
governesses]

My mother carried
him about wherever
she went, while he

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[3]

lived- & had him
stuffed when he died
-where he still is at
my old home-*

Now, was he not an
interesting character?

[*I am the sole survivor
of my immediate family]

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Thank you very much

for giving me a notice
of Miss Masson- & also
of Mr. Abbott- You are,
I am sure, looking after
his health. as the survivor
of our dear old Master-
old man & Master no

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more of Balliol alone
but of many Balliols-
Excuse this scrambling
note. I have come
here for a short time
(with my Doctor's leave),
because somehow wanted

But every thing is
forwarded to me from
10 South St.

ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale, rejoicing
to have known & to kno

[end 8:957]

5477/18/3 black-edged postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Mrs. Green

9 Banbury Road
Oxford

11/11/94

Wellcome Ms 5481

5477/19/1-3 {black-edged paper} initialled letter, 4ff, pencil & pen

[8:957-58]

Claydon Nov. 11, 18-21/94
Dearest Mrs. Green I have begun this
 answer over & over again to your
dear letters- & never found time or strength
 to finish it- [There is a good deal to do
here- not revising other people's "Nursing books" which
 I have discontinued for some time]
Now don't punish me by curtailing your
letters which are {overtop is} such a benefit to my
old body- "Brother Ass", you know- You are

too cruel when you say you will not write
 any more:

[N.B. I won't offend Mr. Jowett by saying
 my "old *mind*"- He always said that our
last years were (or ought to be) our best
And it made him quite mad when,
any body talked about this 'poor life'-
He used to say: "Why, it's a *splendid*
"gift, is *Life!*" And so it is- isn't it? -
I think this ought to be brought out clearly
in *his Life* - the immense *Spirit of life*
(not the "*pride of life*") ~~in~~ of the man.

 This it was which transmogrified
Oxford- not his Plato, tho' that too
gave him a great influence- & made
a great part of the man - [But I always
think Plato ought to be very much obliged
to him- not he to Plato.] He had the "genius" of life
And I. for the most unimportant first:
the Owl- The sketch must have been
undoubtedly by my sister- And "P.N."
means Parthe Nightingale- before her marriage.

[She was born at Naples - hence her
name Parthenope- which our dear
old Nurse always called Parthe= nopyy-]
And "1855" was the 2nd year of the Crimean
War - when, having surmounted that
terrible winter of 1854-5, & the frightful
Hospitals of Scutari, we were thought to be
subjects for cheap prints & the like-
But I am quite sure my *sister* ~~did~~ would not
put "the beautiful young lady"- That must

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have been a trick of Colnaghi's, who was

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fond of our family - or of Mr. Hall.

I learn for the first time from Lady Verney - the *present* Lady Verney- that it was she who gave the picture to Mr. Jowett, the very last time he ever was here, when we thought him so ill that he never would leave this house- but he *would* go to Lord Rosebery's about a tutor for his children- And the next day was a Sunday, & he was obliged from illness to go straight back to Balliol, as you doubtless remember- Luckily he had his Swiss

servant, Perroud, with him, whom he told me he could not afford to keep - Or I believe he never would have got back to your care- He worried Lady Verney for this ~~one~~ picture of the Owl, which he had seen here, it seems- And she not the Owl hunted out a copy in Sir Harry's receptacles, & mounted it, & took it herself to Balliol- & saw it in his Study

As it was her gift, I am bound to obey her And she says: give it to the Ladies' College Somerville College you mention, of which "Sir W. Markby is a Director", "because Mr. Jowett was very much interested "in that College"- [She says so, altho' her daughter is at Lady Margaret's Hall-]

I am always prosy about Mr- Jowett which he never was [7:346] and you will excuse me- He had the oddest taste in Art, as you know- He could not bear the glorious Michael Angelo statues in the Medicean Chapel at Florence - the statue of "Lorenzo", (*not* the great Lorenzo) hanging his head, which he did, the heroic M. Angelo said, "perché i pensieri de' tiranni sane "rimorso"- nor the "Sonno" of which he M. Angelo said

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Grato m'è il sonno e più l'esser di sasso
Mentre ch'è'l danno e la vergogna dura
of the Medicean rule

&c &c &c
which you know better than I -
And a thing of no value would catch
his fancy like the Owl picture- I mean
Mr. Jowett's- not M. Angelo's-

[end 7:346]

even when he was dying -
Excuse length "thoughts of joy & pain
& rambling- "Come wildering o'er my aged brain"
I am so interrupted
ever yours F.N.

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This is the only important thing
We like the text from II. Cor XIII. II
& the quotation from Crito
immensely
for the College Chapel.
I will write again about this,
please.
21/11/94 F.N.

5477/19/4 postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
Miss Green
9 Banbury Road
Oxford

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Wellcome Ms 5478, correspondence with Amy Hughes, 20 letters, 34 pages
5478/1/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb. 27/92

[13:844]

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

Dear Miss Hughes

I hope I may give
yourself & ourselves joy
of your being where you
are on this the first
occasion of my troubling
you -

Does any of your
District Nurses include
in her beat 170
Buckingham Palace Road?

An old soldier who
has been my Messenger
for 13 years lies there
with heart complaint,

and I am afraid small
chance of recovery.
He is not at all deserted;
he has a good wife
who attends upon him
night & day - [I don't
suppose there is much of
what we call Nursing]
I don't know how long she
will be able to stand this

It would be a great
relief to me if a trained
trict lady could visit
him- & suggest what
she may see to be wanting
& what she thinks the

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best means of supplying
it -

She must be very judicious,
please, for I doubt whether
the wife would like
even an Archangel's
interference -

He is sometimes delirious.

She has a Sister of her
own who sometimes
helps her, I believe

in haste

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

[end]

5478/1/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pencil

Miss Hughes

(or the Supt=)

23 Bloomsbury Square

F. Nightingale }
27/2/92 }

5478/2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

July 30/92

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

Dear Miss Hughes

May I hope that you
will be able to fix some
afternoon next week
about 5 or 6 o'clock
for you to give me
the pleasure of seeing
you?

Might I ask if you
could kindly lend me
a copy of Mrs. Craven's
"Guide to District Nursing"
for a few hours,

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sending it by Messenger?

I must have given ~~it~~
away all my copies- for
I cannot find one-
And I want to show
it to a Lady this
afternoon -

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

5478/3/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

23/12/92

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

My dear Miss Hughes

A little tribute of
Christmas things- & a
large load - too big for
the Rail-road to carry-
of Christmas love &
greetings to you & all
yours & your work-

God bless you -
Hoping to see you soon
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5478/3/2 black-edged envelope, 1f, pencil

with 1 doz Mince Pies
& a bunch of Xmas
Greeneries

Miss Hughes
23 Bloomsbury Square

Xmas

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5478/4 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

[13:844-45]

June 5/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

It is not "important" on
your part which you have
to apologize for but overwork
on my part which I have
to apologize for to your
kindness- And I am very
sorry to have delayed so long.

I have read your excellent
Articles on District Nursing
which you kindly sent me
in the "Hospital" Nos= .
& gratefully accept your
wish to "dedicate" them to me
when "arranged" & "reprinted"
as a "Manual"- tho' I have
always before declined
such applications.

You might perhaps wish
to add a few things if
you reach a 2nd= Edit:
I hope this Manual will
raise the ideas of District
Nurses. I quite agree
with you that the tendency
now is to lower the whole
standard.

You are so good as to
wish me "to write a few
"words"; will you allow
me to consider whether I
can? In that case I
would ask for the Articles
on District Nursing in a

file to be kindly sent
me again

With many a God speed
believe me
ever yours sincerely & hopefully
F. Nightingale

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5478/5 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

July 27/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Hughes

Good speed on your well-
earned holidays -

You know of course that
Miss Barff, Matron of the
District Nurses in Salford,
has resigned, because about
to be married - And the
Ladies Committee have written
to me for a successor, who
must be, of course, "thoroughly
"trained both in Hospital &
"District Nursing"- "Salary £80
"all found". All applications
to be sent in *by August 2*
to Miss Potter

[13:845]

Hon. Sec-
The Salford District Nurses' Home

I have answered that I
would forward the application
to the "proper quarters"
& regretted that they had
only given "a week's notice"

God bless you **[end 13:845]**
yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

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5478/6 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pencil

April 2/95
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

[13:845]

Dear Miss Hughes

I can't say I shall
be *glad* to see you to
wish you good bye,
for I groan at your
departure loud enough
to be heard at Bolton

But what must be,
must and I will
keep Friday April 5 free
at & after 5 o'clock,
if that is quite suitable
to you- yours in grief
& groaning F. Nightingale

[end 13:845]

5478/7 {black-edged paper} unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil, draft 47759
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{up diag:} *Strictly* Sept 1/96
Confidential 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

[13:845-46]

My dear Miss Hughes

Tho' I am distracted with
business - &, in addition to this,
Miss Crossland leaves us
to-day after 21 years of
entire devotion to her
Probationers with the noblest
faculties,

I have read thro' your
Proof with the greatest
care & made 3 sheets
of annotations on it-

I will only make one
now:

Is it not impossible
for me to write a Preface

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as you request, unless
you make *the standard*,
Bloomsbury as it was
when you began there,
the standard first &
foremost? & then afterwards
put in whatever can be
sanctioned about what
you now make the standard?

I think, you know, that
it is against your "paper"
that you have left the
cause- And it will either
be said what has been said
by several, with
more or less truth, that

you left it, because
you disapproved the
present standard- or that
your whole appreciation
of the higher standard,
which you did so much
for, is lowered,- will it
not be so?

ever yours

{up diag:}

Quite

Private

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/8/1-8 incomplete letter, 14ff, pencil [13:846-49]

Private {up diag} Sept 8/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

I am so very sorry for
our delay - But I could
not answer wholly or correctly without consulting
Mr. Bonham Carter about
facts as well as opinions-
And he is so occupied, like
me, but always willing to help

We both agree that the
bulk of your paper is excellent
- that part which deals with
District Nursing, as you knew
it, & were taught to carry
it out at the "Metropn- & Nation's"
(now called by a somewhat
hasty motion "Metropolitan"
only)

Mr. Bonham Carter, who does
not object to my using his
name, does not pretend to
express an opinion about
the details of the Midwifery
part. He still thinks that
the reference in the first
pages to the Queen's Jubilee
Institute might be modified x
so as to meet my objection
that it commits me to what
I consider an approval of a
lower standard of Nursing.

But when you come to
the arrangements of the
Institute for Country Nursing,
x see small sheet 1 and 2

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you scarcely show yourself cognizant of the difficulties they have had to encounter with the Rural Nursing Assn= & the Lincolnshire Nursing Associan- in attempting to combine District Nursing in country places with Midwifery practice, by the employment of trained Midwifery Nurses as Sick Nurses. You in fact treat the subject- (i.e. the action taken by the Queen's Institute in the matter of Rural Nursing,) *as it was*, when carried on under the original Regulations, that is to say by means only of fully trained Nurses, who

had received in addition three months Midwifery training, with a view to their being made proficient (as far as possible) in attendance on the mother & infant after the period of lying in, and to qualifying them to act as Midwives in cases of emergency. The first arrangement with the Rural Nursing Assn- did provide for the employment of Nurses as such, as a separate class from the District Nurses, but did not contemplate their employment (otherwise than exceptionally & casually) as Sick Nurses. Mr. B.C. thinks therefore I am justified in my

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criticisms on this part of
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
the "paper" or rather PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
on those parts of the "paper"
in which the action of the
Queen's Institute as to rural
Nursing & Maternity practice
is referred to with commendation
as affording the best means
of attaining the object desired

Mr. B.C. does not see the
way so to alter the paper,
(so far as regards this part
of the subject) as to be able
to meet the criticisms I have
made- see small sheet 2

& 3

He & I are both well aware
of the fact that you were {were overtop are}
enthusiastic (& this makes it
the more difficult for {for overtop `)' } us to speak)

at Bloomsbury Square in
making arrangements for
enabling the Nurses while at
Bloomsbury & during their
ordinary period of training,
to attend Lying-in cases
(not to undertake the case but
to be present with one of the
Nurse Instructors & to render
assistance- a Doctor being there)

It may be desirable that
every Midwife should be a
trained Sick Nurse & that
every Sick Nurse should
have a competent knowledge
of Midwifery practice- but
at any rate at present
& so far as most localities
are concerned, certainly in
the country & also {overtop so} in most

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town districts, the pecuniary
difficulty renders this
ideal quite impracticable
and it is the pecuniary
difficulty which comes in
especially in country places
- towns being far better
provided thro' the Medical
men with attendance on
Lying-in cases
The up shot of all this is
that Mr. B.C. has no
practical suggestion to make
with a view to my meeting
your wishes that I should
write a Preface beyond
this which he hardly thinks
practicable & which he has no
desire to urge upon me

viz. that you should confine
the subject matter of the
"paper" to District Nursing by
fully trained Nurses as
carried on by the "Metropn"- &
"National," & extended upon the
same basis by the Queen's
Institute, as you knew it-
/that you should, treat the
question of extension of District
Sick Nursing to country places
which cannot afford the cost
of a trained Nurse as an
open question
/that you {you overtop she} might refer to
the advantage of providing
trained Midwives for such
places- & tack on your Essay
on Midwifery Nursing as a
guide for that object

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Proof [1]

Mr. B.C.'s pencil 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address}

note on p. 1 is not legible
Yet it might be of use to
you- It runs thus:

"To the Metropolitan &
National Nursing Assocn=
Bloomsbury Square, London,
and to Miss Florence Lees,
(Mrs. Dacre Craven) as
first Superintendent the
credit is due of having
organized a system of
District Nursing by educated
women duly trained as
Hospital Nurses, who were
also specially trained in

"Nursing the Poor in
their own homes"

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p. 2 "The standard of
the Nat. & Met. N. Association
& its plan of work afterwards
adopted as a model &
extended in its operations
by the Q.V.J. Institute for
Nurses were designed &c

The proposed dedication
to me is spoilt by the
introduction of the word
"glory". But I suppose
the dedication would
come out if no preface

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small sheet 2

It is scarcely worth
while to trouble you
with what my "criticisms"
have been, were it not
to elucidate the two
larger sheets.

I asked whether the Q.V.J.

had made ~~up~~ the action
of the Queen's Institute as
to rural Nursing &

Maternity practice

what you think it

And I commented on

your word "professedly"

& asked whether they

had made it a *reality*-

The large part of your

paper is admirable.

But it takes so much

for granted

Proof

p. 1. General Hints- very good

(no almsgiving &c

insufficient training)

p. 2 first half good

second "

5. Jubilee Nurse as a

Standard astonishing

placing & affiliation

astonishing

"object of the "Home" is

missed- It is not for

letting the Nurses dispute

or discuss with one another

("friction")- It is for

them to have an

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experienced Supt- and
a real *Home* - supply
& supervision

p. 2- Midwy- "nurse's
other patients"

" laudation of "Inspection"

p. 3- top Laudation of
Jubilee Nurses

" Obstetric & Monthly
Nursing

" Laudation of antiseptic
not much said
about *A septik* -

6. *is* it to be *Midwy*= &
Fever Nursing

7. character of Nurse

8. very good

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small sheet 3

p. 5- some Nurses now
adopt the cycle
"hair" & "neatness" very
good

p. 7 IV "*Hygiene*"
generally good

p. 8 good- NOT *smells*
but their causes are
harmful

also caution
lest the Nurse should
be denounced to Doctor
by Patient without
understanding

Should not the Nurse

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once, if necessary, clean
the room herself so as to exhibit
it perfectly clean-

p. 9- Food
boiled saw-dust }
stewed tea } good
babies } good

but difficulty of getting
milk- & most not
least, in country -
overlooked

boiling all milk doubtful
so many dislike *boiled*
milk & many Doctors
say "only up to the boil"

p. 10 D Maternity work
so much here is taken
for granted

a. first: are the Q.V.J-
settled as to Maternity
work?

b. It is always laid down
she is to take none but
normal cases without
the least enquiry whether
she has had any chance
of seeing or recognizing
an "abnormal" case
What are the Statistics
of the proportion of
abnormal to normal

cases?

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-the Nurse has not
recognised an "abnormal
case when she has
seen it - no, not even
with a triumphant
L.O.S- certificate
p. 10. c - then comes the
Word "Midwife"- *what
is a Midwife?*
p. 10 d- "terrible mortality"
is it so?

the after consequences of
ill managed, uncleanly
"childbirth" are "terrible"
{printed address upside down, x-out with 3 lines:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

enough without
the word "mortality,"- ~~The~~

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was not the ~~word~~
"mortality" of Lying
in Hospls=, far higher than
of any lyings- in at home?
p. 11- If we are to go
in for Maternity cases,
should there not be a
strong caution not only
as to "ticks" but as to
feather or *flock beds*
which may not have
been picked to pieces
for years, during which
"4 or 5 lyings- in may have
taken place thereon

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A *fatal* case of Pyaemia
in the mother had its
origin in this- And is
it not common for the
infant to be placed
under the bed-clothes
on such a feather bed?

p. 11- Attention to

Child's *Eyes*- very good

Torn perinaeum -

Yes- & the Certificate
of the L.O.S- is no
safe-guard against
this.

p. 11 "The Binder"

"after care" very good

- attendance "twice daily

&c quite necessary

-*trained!* Midwives who
come only for the Delivery
& twice more during
the month

{up diag:] I have not gone

thro' Midwy Nursing
bit by bit]

p. 13 VI. Advice to
Nurses good

{VI. overtop V}

p. 14 Is not "India rubber
"tubing" difficult to keep
clean

p. 15- good

p. 4 very good remark
that it is "dishonourable
to be quacking while
Doctor is treating

In one or two places,
lung comes in good
English, then cardiac,
renal, &c

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A great deal of this
is uncommonly good
But could I write
a Preface, as requested,
till I know whether
"Jubilee" nurses are
to be the "standard"
& 2. whether Maternity
Nursing is to be so
prominent &
decided upon

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P. 9

Miss Hughes' proof Marginal

M.S. Note

The "disagreeable" taste is not the
only or even the principal objection
to boiled milk -
Sham ~~Doctors~~ persons say: Boil all your milk
Real ~~Drs.~~ persons say: Cold boiled milk
is a ~~totally~~ very different
article from cold Fresh milk.
If you separate the skim from the
milk you separate a most
important ~~element~~ ingredient. You must then cut
up the skim & put it back into the
milk- And what a mess that is!
If you can't persuade your cook or
cooks *not* to boil your milk but
to stop *at the boil*, what is to be done?
~~{The Irish give cold milk}~~

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

{not F.N. hand:} Insertion

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5478/9 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [13:849-50]

Private {up diag} Sept 10/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

I sent you a Budget
yesterday- I wish I
could have sent a
Budget which I could
feel would be more
entirely pleasing to
you. But we have done
what we could to give
you the exact ~~truth~~ facts-

I put: "Mr. B.C. has
'no objection to his name
'being given', I should

have put 'given to you
'if it would be any
'help to me' For
of course he could not
be expected to discuss
in public - or with
any one but *me* for *you*
- the difficulties of
the Q.V.J. District Nursing
Assocn-

I wish I could have
had time to work
up at the end my
four little sheets on

your Proof- But it
was hardly worth
troubling you with
them- only that you
would wonder what
my "criticisms" were
which had to be justified
or explained-

And now God bless
your "paper" & make
it useful to your
generation which if
it is perfectly true
to facts it must be

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God speed you
ever your affectionate
F.N.

I put in pencil-
legibly I hope - on my
first little sheet-
Mr. B.C.'s illegible suggestions,
on p.p.1 and 2 of your
Proof, for additions
which are important
& which suggestions might be
useful to you

5478/10/1 incomplete letter, 3ff, pencil [13:850-51]

Your Proof
& letter PRIVATE {up diag} Sept 24/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

This is a letter begun
ten days ago, which I think
may be useful to you -

This is Mr. B.C.'s remark
As to Miss Hughes' observation
that "about country work
"I meant Miss Oldham's
"part *not* Lincolnshire - that
"ought not to count for the
"cottage Nurses are only
"monthly Nurses
the fact is that the Rural
Nursing Association employs
or allows to be employed a

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certain number of Midwifery Nurses on the same footing as to Sick Nursing as the Lincolnshire Assocn= does, the proportion of these Nurses to the Queen's Nurses employed by the Rural Nursing Assocn {overtop illeg} is much smaller than is the case with the Lincolnshire but is not, Mr. B.C. thinks, by any means a negligible quantity- Lady Selborne, if he recollects aright is mainly responsible for the employment of these Midwifery Nurses- But he

has not the papers by him to refer to.

At any rate the difficulty exists with regard to both & gives rise to the question: how are the poorer districts to be supplied with Sick Nursing which cannot be set aside by saying that *monthly* Nurses may be called *cottage* Nurses & therefore do not count. The fact remains that they are being employed as Sick Nurses (whether by the Queen's Jubilee Institute

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or not does not afford
any solution to the difficulty)
and we are told that these
districts cannot afford
to employ fully trained
Nurses- Hence the state=
ments in Miss Hughes'
paper referring to the
Scheme of the Queen's
Jubilee Institute as
fully meeting the require=
ments of country districts
for trained Sick Nurses
are not borne out -
The proposal, he says, to
call these Midwy= Nurses

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[2] Private
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
who do elementary
or Sick Nursing or
rather who have received
some instruction in
elementary Sick Nursing,
Cottage Nurses has
already been made
but does not appear
to him to afford any
sufficient solution of
the difficulty
If they are trained
Midwifery Nurses, they
should be identified
by the nature of their

calling The Lincolnshire
agreement provides
that they should be
styled Midwife
Nurses.

Excuse haste

I have no time to
answer your last
to - day- or to
correct this -

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/11 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

[13:851]

Private {up diag} Oct 20/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

We, i.e. Mr. B.C. and I,
return your Proof & with it
three (large paper) pages
as an alternative to p.p.
14 & 14 continued

These are almost entirely
or entirely by Mr. B.C.

- (1) I presume that you
would concur with Mr. B.C.
& me in wishing the
reference to Midwives'
legislation to be omitted
- (2) To our minds the

objection raised to the
former proof arose out of
the reference there made
to the Nursing in country
districts as having been
successfully provided for
by the Queen's Jubilee

Institute when as a
matter of fact Midwifery
Nurses without training
in Sick Nursing or with
only very elementary
training were being so
employed.

Mr. B.C. has endeavoured
to bring out this objection

Wellcome Ms 5481

in an indirect way.

Your M.S. as it stands
hardly refers to this, but
makes much of the
objection to employing
any Sick Nurse in
Midwifery practice-
This of course we both
agree upon.

Mr. B.C. cannot say that
his M.S. satisfies, himself
but he thinks it indicates
more clearly than yours
the danger to be encountered
With this indication you
may perhaps improve upon

it.

He cannot do anything
more -
The rest of the Proof may,
he thinks, pass
Besides the proof & his
two pages there is also
a M.S. note of mine upon
milk, p. 9 of Proof, of
which I say, like him-
-with this indication you
may *certainly* improve
upon it.

God speed you
yours sincerely
F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/12 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct. 20/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Hughes

I should be very
sorry not to see you
now that you are in
London -

I will send you your
Proof- with all that we
can do done to it -
in a day or two -

And I will try to
make an appointment
that will suit you
about Thursday or

Friday afternoons-
yours most sincerely
F. Nightingale

5478/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Oct 21/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Hughes

Will 5 o'clock
to morrow (Thursday)
afternoon suit you?
Or is it too late?

I want to hear
about Bolton -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/14 incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil [13:852]

Oct 28/96

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

My dear Miss Hughes

I am afraid you will
think me very dilatory
in answering your question
But your kindness must
excuse me, for I have
been so busy-

I think that if you
still wish for the
"dedication" to me, it
should be modified thus,
omitting reference to my
"assistance"

{vert. on page:} Dedicated -by permission
to Miss Florence Nightingale
with deep gratitude for her
kindly interest in this attempt
to help my fellow- workers
in the service of the Poor

I would, however,
please, stipulate further
that ~~you~~ my name is
not to be made use of
further in any way
in connection with
the publication

God speed you on
your way. You are
giving a splendid
education to these
Workhouse Nurses -
but take care that it
is thorough- E.g- I have

Wellcome Ms 5481

learnt Dispensing
myself abroad, when
such a thing was not
known in England for
women- and I have
practised it on a small
scale in a small Hospl-
in London- But comparing
it with the education now,
required of Dispensers,
I considered this to be
risky, and would not
sanction it, unless with a
Dispenser's education-

All success be with you
I have always maintained

5478/15 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 2/97

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

My dear Miss Hughes

Let me thank you very
much for sending me
your little book, which
will be, I am sure, very
successful.

I have been thanking
you in my heart all
this time: but the
difficulty is with me,
as you know, to find a moment
to write, except on business
yours ever affectionately

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[13:852]

Sept 24/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Amy Hughes
An English lady, Miss
Turton, came here yesterday
by appointment -

She came from Italy
where she has done a
great work quietly in
raising Italian Nursing-
She is returning to Italy
in a hurry for {overtop to} the October
term -

She is anxious to know
how we manage
Co-operative Nurses, in

order to do likewise-
And for fear of making
a mistake I promised
her that I would go
to the fountain - head -
namely, yourself-
1. She wanted to know
how payment of the
Co-operative Nurses was
managed by the Institution
- how the wages were
adjudged
2- (if there was a Home)
how their payment for
room & board were

managed, whether
deducted from their
earnings

3- she asked a more
general question - how
influence was secured
& a high tone kept
up among the Nurses
who did not lodge
(between their places)
immediately under the
eye & supervision of
their Superintendents.

Wellcome Ms 5481

If you could find time

Wellcome Ms 5481

to answer these questions in writing
immediately, I should
be so much obliged to you.
But if after that you
kindly wished to
communicate with me,
for her, on things which
can hardly be written

I would gladly see you
tomorrow (Saturday) at
5- or Sunday at the
same hour- if you
would let me know at
once- Am I trespassing too
much? ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end]

5478/17 {black-edged paper} note, 1f, pencil

23/12/98
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Miss Hughes
with F.N.'s very best
Christmas love
& thanks & hopes for
the New Year
Thousand thanks for Miss
Darche's letter

5478/18/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 17/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Amy Hughes
How can I thank you
for the lovely little red
rose tree that you sent me?
It was so good of you
to remember me -
Wishing all joy to the
Co-operatives [is the red
rose-tree a Co-operative?]
I am all yours
F. Nightingale
I hope the Co-operative

Wellcome Ms 5481

Nurses approved, their
new quarters on inspection
& their nice little
separate rooms

God speed them all

F.N -

5478/18/2 envelope, 1f, pencil

Miss Amy Hughes

The Nurse' Co-operation

8 New Cavendish St.

Portland Place

17/5/1900

W.

5478/19/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil

June 15 1901

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear {overtop The} Miss Hughes

Certainly I would give

permission to have this

copied, if you wish it

But you will have to apply

to Mr. Payne, Photographer,

Aylesbury, as it is copyright.

And I believe also you must

apply to Lady Verney

Claydon House

Winslow - Bucks

Yours faithfully Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5478/19/2 envelope, 1f, pencil

Miss Amy Hughes

check: is this in it? was not in right volume

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June 15 1901

Miss Amy Hughes

The District Nurse has
more than all other nurses
to seek wisdom & help
from God alone--*to merge
self in God* & not only in God
but in each one of God's
children whom she is nursing
She has not to be crucified
like Christ, but she has like
Him, each in her humble way
& seeking of God wisdom &
love to imitate His daily life
of self sacrifice
Not being able to be with
you in body I shall be with you

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in heart & mind

Wishing each one of you
success in whatever duty
she is called upon to
perform

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

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be heard at Bolton. But what must be, must, and I will keep Friday, April 5th, free at and after 5 o'clock if that is quite suitable to you.

Yours in grief and groaning,

F. NIGHTINGALE

I drew up a little book called "Practical Hints on District Nursing" and Miss Nightingale took the greatest interest in it. I have quite a number of letters from her, recommending alterations in the proof and she allowed me to dedicate it to her, herself writing the exact words "dedicated by permission to Miss Florence Nightingale with deep gratitude for her kindly interest in this attempt to help my fellow-workers in the Service of the Poor" in a letter dated October 28, 1896.

On May 2, 1897, Miss Nightingale wrote:-

Dear Miss Hughes,

me your Let me thank you very much for sending

little books, which will be, I am sure, very successful. I have been thanking you in my heart all this time, but the difficulty is with me, as you know, to find a moment to write, except on business.

Yours ever affectionately,

F.

NIGHTINGALE

In 1897 I became Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation, and in September that year Miss Nightingale asked me to come and see her. She was most interested in the work, and asked me to answer several points that had been put to her by a lady who had been organising Italian nursing. I was able to give the information needed and Miss Nightingale was most sympathetic.

In May, 1900, she wrote:

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Dearest Miss Amy Hughes,

How can I thank you for the lovely little red rosettes you sent me? It was so good of you to remember me. Wishing all joy to the Co-operatives,

I am,

All yours,
FLORENCE

NIGHTINGALE

I hope the Co-operation Nurses approved their new quarters on inspection, and their nice little separate rooms.

God speed them all.

F.N.

In 1901 I returned to work with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, much to Miss Nightingale's satisfaction.

She saw me, and expressed her pleasure that I was again carrying out the work she wished me to do. In 1902, she asked me to arrange for a good district nurse to attend an old soldier who had been her messenger for 13 years, and she was much interested in hearing what was done for him.

I was allowed to visit Miss Nightingale every year. She used to receive me in her charming room at 10, South Street. She was lying on a sofa, and I used to sit beside her, and answer her questions and tell her all about my work. This went on for years. Her memory was wonderful, and her interest never failed. Gradually, however, her increasing age became very noticeable, as she was both physically and mentally weaker; and my last visit, in 1908, was rather pathetic when I remembered what the visits used to be, and the help and inspiration I always received.

I conclude by quoting an extract from a letter to Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, written in 1897, which sums up her

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views on district nursing: -

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"I think District work brings one more in heartfelt contact with one's fellow-creatures than anything else. And when one knows that doctors who know say that the mere visits of the Nurses diminish the mortality, one thanks God Who puts such God-like powers into our hands, provided they are genial hands." AMY HUGHES. [end 13:853]

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Wellcome Ms 5479, microfilm, correspondence with John Henry Lefroy
1855-61, 1864

{Text in first frame, not numbered and not FN hand:}

Miss Florence Nightingale

Originals

To be returned to Sir Henry Lefroy

82 Queens Gate SW

April 28, 1879.

Sent the bound volume of Reports

to Major Maurice R a for Lord

Morley's committee 25 June 1882

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List of Nurses & Sisters
who have ceased to be employed
in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaklava
November 30, 1855

Names	No	Rate	Cause When	When	ofof dismi ssal Weeks or retir ement
	Pay	appointed	discharged		

Nurses

Mrs. Wilson	10/	Oct 21/54		Immediately	-- Intox icati on
" Williams	"	"	"	"	Dec 21/54 9
	Jones	"	"	"	" "
9.	Falkner	"	"	"	" "
				selling for Patients in Hospital	Buyin g &
10.	Coyle	"	"	"	Jan 15/55 12Inc ompet ency """
11.	Burnett	"	"	"	"""
12.	Fagg	"	"	"	"""
13.	Higgins	"	"	"	"""
14.	Blake	"	"	"	March 23/55 22Inv alide

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Ch. of England

Sisters

Sister	Etheldreda	Oct 21/54	immediately	- Invalidated
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unpaid {vert. down to end of folio, written 2 times}

Elisabeth	"	Dec 21/54	8	Private reason
Clara	"			"" {accompanied}

Emma	{the above}			April 27/5527 Invalidated "" {accompanied}
Harriet	"			

Sarah Ann	{the above}			" 9/5525 Invalidated
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R. Catholic Nuns	Oct 21/54	Dec 21/54	8	Unfitness
Miss Forbes Leith & four Sisters	"	"	"	""
	"	"	"	""

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List of Nurses & Sisters
 who have ceased to be employed
 in the Hospital of Scutari, Balaklava & Koulali
 November 20 1855

Names	Rate of Pay	Date of Appointment	Date of Discharge	Weeks	NoCaus ses of dismi ssal ofof or retir ement
Mrs. Bessant	-	Dec 1/54	immediately	-	Old Age
21. Anderton	-	"			"- Intox icati on
22. Hefferman	-	"		"	"-
23. Newton	46/	"	March 1/55		13 Emple yed in priva te
24. Harding	10/	" Nursing at Pera	" 23/55		16 Inval ided
25. Bull	10/	" Gratuity £6.10.0	April 9/55		19 Incom peten cy
26. Hunt	10/	"	March 23/65		16 Intox icati on
27. Gailey	10/	" Gratuity £2	April 20/55		20"
" McPhee	10/	" Gratuity £4	" 27/55		21Inc

						ompetency
"	Keatley [?]		Paid by Miss E. Anderson			Invalid
"	Gibson	18/	Dec 1/54		June 1/55 26	Intoxication & theft
"	Disney	14/	"		" 15/55	28 Intoxication
"	Woodward	14/	"		"	28 went home with Patient
-	Gratuity £2.2 Sandhouse £14		"		July 13/55 32	Incompetency
-	Tuffill	18/	"		"	"Invalid
-	Noble		18/		"	"
-	Lyas	£35	"		" 5/55	30 Roman Catholic employed by Priest for purposes of Conversion
			per ann.			
37.	Thorne	18/	"		went to Koulali & since sent home	
38.	Whitehead	18/	"		Oct 27/55 47	Invalid
39.	Davis		10/	"	Apr 21/55}	51"
			18/	"	Nov 24/55}	
40.	Gratuity £5 Sansom	10/			April 21/55}	
			18/	"	Nov 24/55}	51
						"
41.	Gratuity £5 Anderson	-		March 9/55	immediately	intox

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42.	Thompson	-	"				icati on ""
43.	Davidson	18/	" 23/55	June 1/55	14		impropriety of conduct
44.	Brooke	16/	" 23/55	Sept 21/55	26	"	
45.	Wheatstone	18/	April 5/55	Nov 9/55	31	intox icati on	

Nurses

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List of Sisters
who have ceased to be employed
in the Hospital of Scutari, Balaklava & Koulali
November 30/55

Names	Rate Pay	Date Appointments	Cause of Retirement
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Paid Ladies

Mrs. Walford	£35	May 24/55	Died of Cholera Aug 30/55
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Miss Salisbury	18/	pr ann May 15/55	Felony Sept 29/55
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Ladies 2

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Miss E. Anderson		Dec 1/54	Invalided
" Kate "		"	went home from Koulali
" Junis [?]		"	Invalided
" Polidori		unpaid { vertically in Rate Pay column}	"
" Smythe [?]		"	dead
" Clough		"	withdrawn to the Highland Heights

/of Balaclava

" Taylor	& since dead Sept 23/55 Eastern Hospls-?		went home from Koulali
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R. Catholic Nuns			
Sister M. Bernard		"	Invalided
" Clare		unpaid { vertically in Rate Pay column}	accompanied

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" Winifred

"

above
Died Oct
20/55

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Of 108 who have come out from England to these
Stations

64 have gone home

24 from sickness, including

6 dead

18 invalided

24

12 intoxication

12 incompetency

4 accompanied Patients home

4 impropriety of conduct

including

1 theft

4 went home from Koulali

4 various reasons at home

64

32 still remain in these Hospitals

12 R. Catholic Nuns seceded to Genl= Hospl=

Balaclava

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Female Staff
employed at this time, November 30/55
in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava -
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Names	Rate of Pay	Date of Appointmt	No of Weeks	Rank
Miss Morton	none	Sept 5/55	13	Matron Scutari
Revd Mother	unpaid	Oct 21/54	58	R. Catholic Nuns
{'unpaid' vertically in Rate of Pay Column down to				
Stanislas}				
Sister Gonzaga		"	"	"
" De Chantal		"	"	"
" Anastasia		"	"	"
" Stanislas		"	"	"
Mrs. Roberts	25/	"	"	Head Nurse
Miss Clark	18/	Aug 28/55	14	Housekeeper
Mrs. Davey	10/	Oct 21/54}	58	Nurse
		18/ Ap 21/55 }		
"	Gratuity £5			
" Hawkins	10/	Oct 21/54}	58	"
		18/ Ap 21/55 }		
"	Gratuity £5			
" Lawfield	10/	Oct 21/54}	58	"
		18/ Ap 21/55 }		
"	Gratuity £5			
" Robbins	18/	Dec 1/54	52	"
" Holmes	18/	Mar 9/55	38	"
" Clarke	16/	" 23/55		"
" Howes		16/ "	36	"
" Orton		16/ "		"
" Sullivan	18/	Ap 5/55	34	"

	17			Gener al Hospit al Scuta ri
	=====			
Miss Tebbutt	unpaid	Dec 1/54	52	Superintendent
{'unpaid' vertically in Rate of Pay Column down to				
Margaret}				

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Sister Bertha		Oct 21/54		58		Ch. of England Sisters
" Margaret		"		"		"Miss Goodman an sec Experience of an English
Miss Ecuyer	18/	Nov 1/55	4		Matron	Experience of an English
" Tattersall	18/	Mar 23/55	36		Housekeeper	Sister of
Mrs. Parker	10/	Oct 21/54}		58	Nurses	[illegible] by illegible
		18/ Apr 21/55}				" Margaret Goodman-Smith & Elder 1862
" Gratuity £5 Jones		16/ Mar 23/55		36		"
" Wilsdon	18/	"		"		"
" Harnack	18/	" 9/55		38		{text in bold not F.N. hand}
" Tainton	18/	Apr 5/55		34		"

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It will be seen by the above Report, which takes in a period of thirteen months, that, of the

		<i>Appointed</i>	
1 st Party - - - -	Oct 21/54	- -	which came out with me
consisting of 88			12 remain
2 nd Party (Miss Stanleys)	Dec 1/54	- - -	came out with Miss Stanley
consisting of 46			3 remain *
3 rd Party - - - - -	March 9/55	- - -	came out with Miss Wear
consisting of 8			5 remain
4 th Party - - - - -	" 23/55	- - - - -	6 remain
consisting of 7			
5 th Party			
consisting of 4 - - - - -	April 5/55	- - - - -	3 remain
came singly 5			3 "

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It will also be shewn that the mortality in the Female Staff has been, during the above Period, rather less than 6 per cent; - the total loss from sickness & death rather less than one fourth -

Comparing this with the mortality and invaliding among the Medical Officers, Chaplains, &c of the Army in the East, the proportion will appear to be comparatively small - altho the exposure to infection & to the influences of disease is, obviously, greater among Nurses. This comparative immunity may, probably, be attributed to the simplicity & regularity of habits enforced among them -

* this very small proportion arises from the too great haste in the selection: **(but it should be added that the 12 Nuns at Balaclava were party the 46 as well as 3 [5?] at Kulalie)** {bold text possibly not F.N. hand}
[koulali]

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Of the 108 sent out, there were

			Gone home	Seceded Remain
R. Catholic Nuns	25		8	125
Anglican Sisters	8		6	2
St. John's Nurses	8		7	1
Ladies		13	8	5
Hospital Nurses	54		35	19
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		108	64	1232
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With these, of whom no more than 50
have ever been at work at the same time,
2 Hospitals at Scutari during 13 months
2 " " Balaclava " " 10 " "
" " " " " 7 " "
2 " " Koulali " " 3 " "

have been served

With 32

2 Hospitals at Scutari

2 " " Balaclava

are served at this present time -

No Nurses have been sent out to the
above Hospitals from England since April {overtop illeg}
1855, i.e. for the last seven months.

And, should the War Office consider it,
at present, undesirable to send out any
more, these four Hospitals may still continue
to be served with that Number, by which
twice the work at half the expence may
be done of that which would be, were
other Nurses drafted in among these from
other Hospitals in the East, where a different
system & possibly less simplicity of life
have been observed, from the circumstances
having been different, under which they
were founded - Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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It will be seen that the proportion of those sent home (from every cause) is 64-108

It may therefore be inferred that the Female Staff will require renewing about every two years for the following reasons

1. on account of the Climate & other causes of disease
2. because intoxication, tacitly admitted as unavoidable among Nurses in London Hospitals, must, in Military Hospitals, be sternly checked, by dismissal at the first offence - in order to carry on the work at all -
3. because, with every care exercised in the selection (which unfortunately has not always been the case) a certain proportion of incompetents or adventurers, tempted by high pay, by vanity or curiosity, or because they cannot live at home, will always be amongst those sent out -
4. because women, as well as men, will fall home=sick at the end of one or two years, & are then of little use to the Queen's service -

But, taking all these draw=backs into consider=ration which apply (not more but perhaps) less to the female than to any other branch of the service, it is obvious that the experiment of sending Nurses to the East has been eminently successful - & that the supplying trained instruments to the hands of the Medical Officers has saved much ~~life~~ valuable life & remedied many deficiencies

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{unnumbered list following 5479/1/6v}

Female Staff
employed in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava
November 30
1855
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Names	Rate of Pay	Date of Appointment	Weeks	No of	Rank Castl e Hospi tal
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Mrs. Shaw Stewart	none	Dec 1/54	52		Superintendent <i>Balaclava</i>
" Sinclair	18/	Mar 9/55	38		Nurse 550
" Tandy	18/	"			"
" Logan	18/	Ap 5/65	34		"
" McPherson 16/					Cook &c

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Miss Wear	none	<i>Monastery Hospl=</i> Mar 9/55	38		Superinten dt= <i>St. Georg e's Crime a</i>
Mrs. Nisbett	12/	Oct 25/55			Nurse
" Evans		16/	Nov 30/55		Cook 200
" Brownlow	10/				Laundress

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Mrs. Bridgeman	none {vert.}	Dec 1/54	52		R. Catholic Nuns <i>Balaclava</i>
and 11 Sisters					" "250

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this latter

x Of the charge of

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Hospital, I have prayed the War Office
to be relieved - because

1. it is contrary to my Instructions to
serve

any one Hospital with R. Catholic
Ladies only "who are bound by their

conscience to convert"

2. it is contrary to my experience to
think {overtop illeg} 12 women necessary

to serve

from 160-250 Patients - for which Nos=
four to be would be enough

3. their expenditure is such as I am
not justified in sanctioning

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Nightingales analysis of Nursing Est- 32/56

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5479/2 signed letter, not FN hand, dictated, 1f, pen 8995/94

Scutari Barrack Hospital
December 15/55

[14:286-87]

Sir

I understand from you that the War Department considers that the number of twelve ladies, [?] now employed at the General Hospital, Balaclava, is greater than the average number of patients in that hospital requires - & that Lord Panmure has desired my opinion on this question.

I beg to state that I concur

with Lord Panmure in that opinion that the number of the ladies is greater than the size & circumstances of that Hospital warrant.

[end 14:287]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Florence Nightingale

Lt. Col. Lefroy R A

&c &c

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen 8995/93, black-edged?

Barrack Hospital
PRIVATE {up diag} Scutari
Dec 15/55

[14:287]

Dear Sir

It appears to me, on consideration, that you are the voice of the War Office, delivering its commission to send home half the Nuns at the General Hospital, Balaclava - that there are, therefore, two objections to my expressing the opinion which you desired, on the verdict of the War Office -

1. it would give greater unpopularity to your

commission by making it appear, as if the War Office acted at my instigation.

2. it would be really an impertinent interference for me, the servant, to express my opinion in favor of the decision of my Masters.

The matter stands, at present, that the War Office has expressed its disapprobation to me - of the conduct of Mrs. Bridgeman, Superior of the R. Catholic Nuns now at Balaclava. She naturally replies, "The War Office has said nothing to me _

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of course I do not act upon what has been said to you." Now comes the sentence to *her*, which must appear to her very natural, after having heard the disapprobation of her measure expressed by the War Office to me -

Any opinion given by me under these circumstances appears to me as not merely unnecessary but as spoiling a good case -

Nevertheless, I think your judgement so much

less likely to err in this matter than mine that I subjoin the opinion you desired, in case you think it desirable to use it.

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With many thanks for your kind support & sympathy in a very difficult life,

believe me, dear Sir,
yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Lt. Colonel Lefroy
R.A.

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Scutari

[14:323-25]

Barrack Hospl=

Jan 28/56

My dear Sir

As I am somewhat
bruised & battered with
a fifteen months' war
with enemies who "strike
below the knee"- as, like
the gentlemen in Chevy Chase,
I am now fighting upon
my "stumps," I have
ventured so far as to
presume upon your
kindness in writing you
a private, though *not*
a "confidential" letter,
upon matters, on which
we have conversed together,
& on which I really require some
support-

I this day enclosed you
officially a statement of
my Supt=, Mrs. Shaw
Stewart, at the Castle Hospl=,
Balaclava, which forms
an important Commentary
upon the Purveyor's
"confidential statement",
which, you will find, is
by no means "confidential"
in the Crimea -

I should have wished
to have made to you
many statements, though
not at all "confidential"
ones - when you were here.
But my Rule of Conduct
has been Let us not

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give them out by feeble
driblets. Let us hope a
time may come, when I
shall speak them myself,
& as a whole - *not* as
complaints against
individuals, but against
a system.

I think it not true,
& even, *could* I *truly*
represent what is wrong,
I think it injudicious
to pitch upon or "pitch
into" individuals, who
cannot do better, instead
of the System which
places them where they
are - To complain of that
system now would be

simply to displace myself.
Let me modify & alleviate
by my presence the evils
of that system, live thro'
& know them by experience,
& then a time may come
when I may represent
them as they are -

Two or three *trifling*
instances I must however
trouble you with, not at
all as matters of complaint
but of information - to
give a sense to what I have
said - & because it appeared
to me that those {overtop illeg} were under
peculiar difficulties in
obtaining *real* information
in the Crimea_ where it is
almost impossible to do so - who
~~without~~ have not begun living in the midst of it-

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b. In April, I undertook the Castle Hospital, Balaclava, a few days after it was opened - & from that time to this we have cooked *all* the Extra Diets for 500 - 600 Patients, (which was the number up to the middle of December,) & the *whole* Diets for all the Wounded Officers- These were cooked by a Nurse in a shed- Because the cooking in the General Kitchen was so bad- And this was done at the request of the P.M.O. In May, I was promised that an Extra Diet Kitchen should

be built, while I was there. In July I sent up a French= man to cook, to whom I give £100 pr ann; also at the request of the P.M.O. In the beginning of October, I went up again myself, & found no Extra Diet Kitchen built. I then had it done - During the whole of this time, all the eggs, butter, jelly, (all the Eau de Cologne, *of course*), supplied to the Sick Officers was supplied by Mrs. Shaw Stewart or myself privately. On Nov 4, I opened my Extra Diet Kitchen, But, for 24 hours, (or it

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might be, 26 hours), I did not bake the Officers 'toast in this kitchen, because it interfered with the Extra Diets for 550 Patients.

In those 24 hours, the Officers made a complaint to *Head=Quarters* - !of our ill=treatment- "in re" toast. And Dr. Hall, with the P.M.O. of Balaclava, came down in their wrath & reprimanded the ---- Cook's Orderly! Mrs Shaw Stewart wrote, with my consent, a short Official request to Dr. Hall "that his orders & reprimands might be given to *her*,

in order that she who had the responsibility, might see that his orders were obeyed." Dr. Hall then published to his inferior Officers that the ladies at the Castle Hospl= meant "to throw off all subordination to the Medical Officers"- & that this was the reason he had brought the Nuns to the General Hospital, Balaclava. To Mrs. Stewart he wrote that "it was his duty to care for the Officers as well as the men" - his paternal care for their toast & them having begun on Nov 7/55, while

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he had never enquired how they had been provided for at all since April 25/55 So that the Wounded have perhaps profited more by Mrs. Stewart's & my "Maternal Cares" than by Dr. Hall's paternal ones- which never could be persuaded to issue eggs, or any other comfort, till the Purveyor= in= Chief went up to the Crimea in the latter end of September /55.

2. My two Superintendents, Mrs. Shaw Stewart & Miss Wear at the Castle & General Hospitals, Crimea,

were informed that Dr. Hall had sent in a provision of Eau de Cologne, if they would make Requisition for it for the Sick- Mrs. Stewart was too *sharp*, & did not fall into the trap, but simply said that she had enough of her own, & would never think of imposing on the Queen for such a luxury for the Sick. Miss Wear fell into the trap & made Requisition, which was refused- In the next "Times", I was shewn a paragraph "We learn from Dr. Hall that Requisitions are now

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made for the Hospitals
for such Articles as
Eau de Cologne, Apple Jelly,
& Rose Water"- Poor Lord
Raglan also informed
Mrs. Stewart that Dr. Hall
had complained to him
that we "had actually
made Requisitions for
the above Articles"-!

3. The P.M.O., ~~inform~~
then in being, of one of the
General Hospitals in the
Crimea, informed Lord
Raglan in our presence
that the men had on
clean shirts regularly
twice a week - the fact
being that they had not
then had clean shirts

for 28 days & those were
of my giving.

4. During six months,
the Castle Hospital, always
the principle Hospital in
the Crimea, which has
generally had more than
double the number of Patients
of any other Crimean Hospital,
had scarcely any thing
done for it in the way of
all the Engineering necessities
of a Hospital- This is the
statement of its own
Principal Surgeon - But
Dr. Hall, as he ~~stated~~, told me himself
"burked" his "Reports"-
And that it "would interfere
with his Promotion, were
this known"

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Again, I repeat, I say these things to you not to complain of Dr. Hall, who is an able & efficient Officer in many ways- & who, I think, has been justly provoked in many ways- Dr. Hall is indefatigable in *detailed* work, & wants only a governing system to work under_ But he is wholly incapable of originating one- And we have no System for *General Hospitals* in time of war-

[end 14:325]

Believe me, dear Sir
yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

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General Hospital
Balaclava
April 22/56

My dear Sir

In reply to your kind letter of April 1 I ~~should~~ have many things to say but no time to say them in -

I must, however, make time to say something about the fact which you state viz. that the average consumption of the main articles of diet in the Crimean Hospitals in the quarter ending 31 Dec. exceeds 3 lbs per man per day.

I am very sorry that you did not examine me on this important point, because I think that there is perhaps no one now here, who could have given you more information- both because I am now the oldest inhabitant in the largest Hospitals in the world, because it is already 18 months since I established my first Extra Diet Kitchen, which system has been gradually extended to every one of the 7 Hospitals now under my charge & because diets are peculiarly the province

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of a Nurse -

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I have now no Returns before me nothing to refer to- But I should be most happy to make any cooking experiments, or supply any tables for the information of the War Department.

In explanation of the fact which excites your surprise, I should like to make 5 observations, which I would support by any evidence which may be of use to you

1. In England, when bone, offal & the useless parts of meat are removed, it loses about from $1/6$ to $1/5$ of its weight

In the Crimea & Scutari, when the bone, offal & useless parts of the meat are removed, & the meat cooked, (owing to the small quantity {overtop illeg} of moisture in it & other causes which I cannot now stop to enumerate), the meat loses from $4/5$ to $5/6$ {enumerate overtop illeg}

of its weight- so that your Patient, even were he ordered 3 lbs Meat for his 3 [5?] lbs. solid food, might receive about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. This is the experience of all my kitchens & this the *main* cause of the fact which surprises you.

2. All acute cases & generally, all cases which, as a Nurse well knows,

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can seldom touch bread, are put upon
Spoon.Diet- Spoon .Diet includes 8 oz.
Bread-. This does not appear much.
And there are Convalescent Cases, who are
put upon Spoon Diet for the sake of the
Extras, for whom Extra Bread even is
drawn- But, generally, Spoon Diet
having been constructed for the sake
of appending Extras to it, Spoon Diet
Patients do not eat bread-

At the time of our great pressure
at Scutari, I will calculate the Spoon
Diets at 1000, all Dysenteric &
Frost-bitten cases- & the average of
their consumption of bread at 2 oz.
which I consider to be an outside
calculation- There were therefore
6000 oz. bread wasted daily, at a
time that we were told the Purveyor
could not take upon himself to incur
any expence whatever for the Hospital
& that all our stores were at Varna
This bread was given, when stale, to the
Patients who could eat it, but more
frequently to the Turks about the place,
a whole population of whom we thus
fed. It may have been a very good thing to feed
the poor Turks but it should not be set down as
as consumed by Patients.

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Of all the features of the Hospitals of /54 most conspicuous, at the time of our greatest penury, was our waste_

The above things were obvious to the meanest capacity- and our 1st Class Staff Surgeons are men of no mean capacity at all. But when a man is obliged to walk about his wards, looking not at his Patients, but at "Regulations for the Management of Army Hospitals, at home & abroad, & for the rendering of Hospital Accounts; with an Appendix of Forms &c", the result is obvious.

Let no one suppose that I under= value that invaluable work- I went into Dr. Sutherland's hut the other day, & found him reading "Troilus & Cressida". As, for 18 months, I was unaware that British literature embraced any other work than "Regulations for the Management &c & for the rendering &c, also, instructions to &c with an appendix &c" (& I can truly say that, without that work, I should have ceased to read or to spell,) I can scarcely be said to undervalue it:

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3. A Spoon Diet is generally put
down for 1 pint Arrow Root A.M.
1 " " P.M.

which pint, whether of Arrow Root or of
Sago, is constructed by the "Regulations"
Book of 2 oz. of the same -

Now 1 oz. Arrow Root makes, by
experiment, 1 pt thick Arrow Root -
as daily exemplified in all my Kitchens
where I allow no more - 2 oz Arrow Root
in the *General* Kitchens make 1 pint
thin {overtop thick} Arrow= Root - so thin that the
men will not drink it- Part of this
is attributable to certain conundrums
which regard boiling water - but not
all- Where that Arrow Root goes is a
conundrum which has never yet been
guessed by me -

In the same way, 2 oz. Rice are
saved upon every 4 puddings with us.
As to Sugar, tapioca, barley, sago, &c &c {sago overtop illeg}
From all these there is the same pro=
portional saving: Each day in our
kitchens, the overplus is put up in a
covered vessel- Savings returned into
Pureveyor's stores end of month_ Thus,

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Diet Rolls are paramount & yet
the Queen not robbed -

But is {overtop I} the Queen not robbed?
We can prevent the excess of Arrow Root
&c being wasted- But we cannot
prevent the Purveyor from issuing the
last month's savings for the next month
as a *fresh* issue- And little items
of this kind will go far to swell
out your "3 lbs"-

We have tried to obviate this in
3 ways-

(1.) by drawing in bulk for the
materials to answer Diet Rolls- this
system the 1st Class Staff Surgeons preferred [verifiers ?]
But we were obliged to discontinue
it for two reasons - one that we
were ordered to draw *according to*
"Regulations" Book by our supreme masters
the other that, to punish us for not
having done so, that which had been
so drawn in bulk by order of Medical
Officer in charge for his Diet Rolls- was set down to our
own consumption -

(2.) we have followed the System,

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above explained, of drawing the quantity prescribed in "Regulations" Book & returning the overplus- But this is then charged as two issues for this month & the next- For the accounts must tally with the "Regulations" Book
Certainly, this "Regulations" Book was written by a very clever man, but he was no cook.

(3.) a most laborious plan, but which I am now pursuing here. I make the 1st Class Staff Surgeon draw in bulk for my Extra Diet Kitchen- I throw all my own private stores into the same. And I account each night to the Purveyor for whatever I have thus drawn, out of both the two above sources, to answer the Diet Roll

4. A large amount of waste is incurred by the Extra Diets being ordered for the next day, as they are in some but not in all the Army Hospitals_

A patient dies, is discharged, or under goes one of the manifold changes of acute disease which entirely alters his mode of treatment- But still his Extras

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are to be drawn - when once on the Diet Roll - or, even if not drawn, they are set down - At the rate at which we died & discharged, the Extras thus drawn but not eaten must have gone far to swell your "3 lbs."

5. Waste there must essentially be in every sick-room- The Patient tastes his chicken-broth to-day, to-morrow he takes his pint- But the waste in a Military Hospital can scarcely be calculated- And here it is that we might be so useful, where permitted- A ought to have a table-spoonful of Beef Tea or Arrow Root & Wine every half hour- But his mess of two pints, or perhaps the whole of his Extras is put down at his bed-head at once - & the whole is consequently wasted or stolen -

I do not make any comment or suggestions upon the above five heads, which it must be left to Medical Officers to do- But I think they will throw some light upon your curious fact, which, as you say, is staggering-

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At the Castle Hospital, you say there were 70 bottles of malt liquor per day to each 100 diets- But this is hardly 1 pint per diet- Those bottles holding hardly 1 ½ pts- (one of those bottles is the allowance per diem to a woman) The men prefer their Malt Liquor to their wine & it is better for them -

One thing more; - I believe, if the spoon Diets were allowed 4 oz. Bread & 1/4 oz. Butter with it, that actually more bread would go down the man's throat than with his 8 oz. This, however, is a point for Medical Officers & not for me to decide. But no one ever saw acute disease - eating dry bread yet- at least, of the kinds we have had- here -

Now, if we subtract

6 oz bread		from 8 oz
2 oz Arrow Root	" 4 "	
12 oz Mutton	" 16 "	

20 oz

from 28 oz

it is a large subtraction, being what the man does not eat or what the cooking takes away.

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"Nineteenthly"- The Diets & Medicines are prescribed, not by the heads of the profession who have no time to do what they are there for, being wholly taken up by Returns, but by the youngest & most inexperienced members of the profession - The head-, of the most important Hospital in the world told me himself that he did not know his way about his own Hospital -

I infer from this that the Extras are often heterogenous excessive & capricious= I could give instances, of a composition of Extras of which a trusty old Nurse (not a "Gamp") would not incur the risk of administering -

But, generally, I repeat that it may be deduced from the above facts that, though 3 lbs may have been upon the Diet Rolls, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb was more nearly what actually went down a man's throat - & that the fault did not lie in the Doctors -

I have much more to say, & I would willingly take the trouble to furnish {illeg in...} & make experiments to prove what I say. I do not know

whether I have hit upon the main points of what has struck you as unaccountable. ~~But~~ I should be glad to answer any questions I am able

C.J. Fox said, "No, don't read me history. For that I know is false" -

I have learnt to say, No, don't shew me Returns. For those I know (are not false - but) give a false impression -

Believe me to be dear Sir
yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

If it should be said, Yes, but supposing it be true what you say about Fresh Meat losing weight, there remain the Preserved Meats to account for - I would answer that it has often happened to us to find a 3 lb. tin of Preserved Meat to contain exactly 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs in weight & to make up the difference, so as to answer the

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Diet Roll from our own stores. But

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this would, of course, only be done in our own Kitchens. And I mention it only {overtop illeg} to shew how deceptive returns may be - And many a Surgeon I have known reprimanded for extravagance in Extras, who has chosen to do his Patients justice in spite of it, or who horror of horrors!, has drawn the difference privately out of our private stores - But this would bring him into trouble -

I have lately been shewn some returns, placing the daily expence of each Patient at the Civil Hospitals, Renkioi & Smyrna, (including Doctoring &c) at 4/ & a fraction - that of each Patient at some of our Military Hospitals here at 1/. Regimental Hospitals, if the stoppage were placed at /9, as self= supporting- Is this so?

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Allow me to observe that, in re "Troilus & Cressida", I was not reflecting on Dr. Sutherland. He had been 7 hours on horseback about the Camp that day, & he turned up "Troilus & Cressida" for a very curious purpose, viz. to find the passage in which Thersites mentions boils as being common at the siege of Troy, our own men suffering very much from the same affection. For Shakespeare as an acute observer, had no doubt met with the allusion in some book he had read -

I was only reflecting on the power of reading surviving a Crimean imbroglio But Dr. Sutherland has not had 18 months of it as I have

NB I have had a second & even a third Edition of Mr. Fitzgerald & his "Confidential" proceedings since I have been up here this time. But sad experience makes me "up to" these things now- You do not do me justice -

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unfit for any work under any circumstances.

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Our object being to keep the Army in magnificent condition for the supposed coming campaign, the L.T.C. did all their work. They got up at 5, A.M, watered the mules, went down to Balaclava without breakfasting, had no means of drying themselves, no means of cooking their food &c &c - Now that they are organized and in Battalions, their Mortality is not much greater than that of the rest of the Army-

Sir W. Eyre's "fool's parade" cost 40 men in Hospital- If this was the result of one Crimean snow= storm, the poor L.T.C.'s repeated snow= storm might well do what we have seen.

The soldiers among the L.T.C. did not lose above the average mortality of the army.

2. I was struck in going over the French Divisional Ambulance of the Corps de Reserve yesterday with the Médecin en Chef at what you say & what we all have remarked about the French.

While the Typhus cases were all under canvass- while the bedding, bed=steads, absence of flooring, diets, ~~uncleanliness~~, proportion of Medical Officers to Patients were all infinitely inferior to ours, their Medical Statistics should make us envious. How they keep any is a physical problem. Given one Surgeon to 300 wounded, which the Médecin en Chef told me was his own share during the siege, how does he find time to keep the "Cahiers" he does? Yet these Cahiers present the complete history of each case - the dieting, medical treatment, medical observations of each day of each Patient -

In your Report of Renkioi which you were kind enough to send me & which I read with the greatest interest, you will observe that the defect of its system is that this daily view of the Patient's dieting cannot be kept on record - I know that Dr. Parkes

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lamented this- It was the same at

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Smyrna- the same, to a lesser degree, at Scutari- But, during the pressure there, it was unavoidable-

I mean that, while encouraging, in acute cases, as much as possible, every facility for the Surgeon to obtain on Requisition at a moment's notice from the Extra Diet Kitchen the articles of Diet suddenly wanted, which otherwise he would have had to wait for till next day at the General Kitchens, it was a constant battle with me to make the Surgeon enter these next day against the Patient's name on his Diet Roll as for yesterday so as to shew what the Patient's Diet has been- otherwise the history of his case is manifestly incomplete.

NB. I am aware that, owing to the neglect of this Military Hospital Rule, much of these *casual* Diets, (enormous at the time of the great pressure at Scutari) has ~~gone~~ been set down in Purveyor's Accounts, as part of the "Nurses' consumption".

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P.S. I have been more careful to enforce, more convinced of the necessity of, Military Hospital discipline & accuracy than the Doctors, (especially the Junior Doctors,) themselves.

3. Our best Military Hospital is the Monastery Hospital at St. George's Crimea, as to organization, cleanliness & c & c & c - our best Administrator without any comparison is 1st Cl. S.S. Dr. Jameson at that Hospital - Our worst Military Hospital is this -

NB. Dr. Jameson has never been promoted, because it was convenient to lay the blame of the non-transmission of the Varna Stores to Scutari upon him, without whom we should never have had them at all -

& 2. because he told Mr. Stafford at Abydos that we had no Port Wine there-

Considering Dr. Jameson as our best Administrator, I shewed him your Report, & we talked it over together. I asked him

to put down some of the details of his administration (the proof of the pudding & c the proverb is somewhat musty) which I now enclose and in the necessity of most of which I concur. I will ask you to return it to me, because I have had no time to take a copy. And there may come a time, I fear it is not now, when it may be useful-

4. Touching the Promotion of Medical {4. overtop 3} Officers- The manifest injustice of most of the latter promotions will, I trust, upset the System- But what is to be put in its place?

One injustice is easily "constaté"- that of giving all the honors to Crimean Medical Officers, in preference to those at Scutari, on the plea of the greater risk to life in the Crimea & of the Scutari Medical Officers having gone to "enjoy themselves in four =post beds," as I have heard Dep. Inspector=Genl=

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Monat express himself-

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The fact would appear to be exactly the reverse. The figures given to me are

Died at	Scutari	20		
	Koulali	3		
	Smyrna	1	_____	24
				====
	Crimea	20		
	Bulgaria	3		
	Sick Ship	1	_____	24
				====

But, while the figures belonging to the Bosphorus Command are official, those of the Crimea are not_ And therefore require verifying.

NB_ Three of the Medical Officers who died at Scutari certainly came from the Crimea - others MAY have contracted illness in the Crimea- A very large proportion however had never been there - So that the number of deaths, supposed to be nearly equal - while the actual number of Medical Officers at Scutari was always *much* below

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the numbers in the Crimea - proves that the proportion of deaths, -in other words, the risk to life, was greater to the Medical Officer at Scutari than in the Crimea-

The total No= of Medical Officers invalided during this Campaign in the Bosphorus Command is 50. Of these, half had been in the Crimea.

5. I agree with you, the fate of Sir John McNeil's Report has struck us all with despair.

A few more of those who have done the most mischief will be rewarded- And then the Army, which has deserved so well of us, will sink back into its former condition- And no one any more will talk, even, of Reform-

For the Medical Officers, however, something might be done- Altho' the irresponsibility of opposition is always

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unsafe, & an alliance with Mr. Stafford

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an un- "holy alliance", I wish that he had been urged to keep his Committee open till the Medical Officers at present here can come home & give evidence. But I am told that this will be purposely prevented by their being ordered elsewhere

There are many now here who would abide by their evidence, however little the Military Officers have, alas! done so by theirs_ Two of these I could but will not name who have given opposite evidence at Chelsea from that which they have been heard to say here - We were astounded.

Of the Medical Officers now here, whose evidence would be valuable to Mr. Stafford & who would speak the truth, there are

Dr. Alexander	Dy Ins. Genl=
" R. Jameson	S.S. 1 st Cl
" Beatson	"
" Matthew	"
Mr. Jackson	S.S. 2 nd Cl
Dr. Holton	"
Dr. Jephson	1 st Drag- Gds

& I have no doubt many others.

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I do not profess to feel any respect for the Military Medical Profession, any more than for any other race of slaves, of whom they have all the vices & all the virtues, but a strong compassion & a burning desire to see them righted.

"I know them too well to complain because I do not find in them veracity, fidelity, consistency, disinterestedness." They have been reduced to this state by dependence upon the caprice of an Inspector Genl=, a Director Genl= for promotion (not always the caprice but even the trick) supported by the "Confidential Report" System which has been carried to its utmost perfection by the present Inspector Genl=, which perfection consists in employing some other person, generally the Deputy Purveyor, in Chief, to give evidence concerning matters of which he is in no wise legitimately cognizant, and to take *the evidence of Orderlies against their Medical Officer in charge.*

In the last two months at this Hospital alone, two Medical Officers have been superseded upon evidence collected in the above manner, unknown to them.

Since June/55, there have been but three Medical Officers here with sufficient independence to resist this system. All three have been superseded.

What can be expected from this training but what actually happens?

An unfortunate 1st Cl. Staff Surgeon, in charge here during 8 months, one of those who was found most easy & submissive to work this system, was brought in here two days ago to the very Hospital he had contributed to ruin, in a fit of Delirium tremens, & cut his throat this morning with his own Scalpel.

If Inspectors= General & Deputy Purveyors in Chief could take a lesson, one would think the death of this wretched man might convey one -

But how can you expect a better race under such circumstances?

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Unlike Sidney Smith, I would

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I had no "Pennsylvanian Bonds"- I am sorry that the Inspector General has so injured me that it prevents me from taking up the quarrel of the Medical Officers, for fear it might be considered my own -

In France, the promotion of Medical Officers depends upon Seniority-

In Sardinia, upon the "Examen" & "Concurrence"- (The three *first* of the lower Grade and one designated by the Conseil, go in for the Examen for the next "Grade".)

I enclose the principle of Promotion which, it is said, would generally *satisfy* our Medical Department- in the justice of which I need not say I do *not* concur-

It is also drawn up by Dr. Jameson-

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Believe me, dear Sir

most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

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Barrack Hospital

July 7/56

My dear Sir

My probably last letter shall "thank you for having been a, ~~if not~~ I might indeed say *the*, most material assistance to my work- which I shall ever remember with gratitude- and, altho' "la reconnaissance n'est qu'un vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs" in general, it is not so in my case, for I am now going to trouble you for the last time, & hope on that score to receive your forgiveness -

Sir John Hall has, in my absence in the Crimea, written to Dr. Linton here to desire the Purveyor= in= Chief ~~here~~ to send him an Abstract of all Requisitions signed with my name, since Nov/54 which had accordingly been {since Nov/54 in other hand?}

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done without my knowledge, before I returned here two days ago.

These Requisitions are for Scutari & embrace all that I drew from Public Stores for our Extra Diet Kitchens, as well as for the Nurses' own consumption-

This will appear from the Abstracts printed in the Blue Book of the Cumming- Maxwell Commission, which gives the average of the Issues from my Extra Diet Kitchens and sorts the sources whence the materials were supplied, whether from Purveyor, (upon whom I then drew by my own Requisition, according to a principle laid down by the War Office & the Inspector General of Hospitals in the Bosphorus, but too long here to insert, and recognised even in the Crimea by Sir John Hall till about {illeg}/six months ago,) or from Private stores.

Bref, *the whole* of these Requisitions appears in Sir John Hall's Abstract as having been for our own private consumption.

The fact is almost too ridiculous to make any comment upon- as unless the women could eat 6 lbs Beef each daily, the Abstract disproves itself_ The consumption of the women of meat has always been under 1 lb. daily. For one Extra Diet Kitchen alone, on the other hand, I drew 80 lbs meat daily. The great economy effected for Government by drawing thus in bulk is obvious - & well known to all housekeepers-

Again, I have never drawn one oz. Arrow Root for the Nurses, nor one oz. wine or Brandy - as I have already stated in another place-

I shall endeavor before I leave this, to settle all these matters with the Purveyor=in=Chief- so that I shall be ready when I come home to answer any question which may arise-

Wellcome Ms 5481

But I think it wise, under the circumstances, to place myself in the attitude of an accused person, and to lodge my statements with one of those men of honor, who alas! are not so plentiful as I once imagined them to be- But that was before I had been initiated into ye= Crimean Mysteries.

2. The absence of Statistics (Medical) of which you complain, is unavoidable in consequence of the Rules, chiefly obtained from the Ancient Britons, which prevail in our parts

e.g. the bed= tickets at the head of each Patient might as well consist of three, Febris c.c, Diarrhoea, Dysentaria & be hung up promiscuously. For if "Diarrhoea" puts on Fever in a Military Hospital, Diarrhoea has to be discharged and Fever admitted, thus standing for two Patients. A Regimental Surgeon may

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appear by his books, as if he had admitted 60 Patients per month, whereas he may only have admitted 20.

The Director= General would then say, "something is wrong"- But he would not look & see what was wrong. And the Surgeon, not the System would suffer. Surgeons therefore are compelled to let any Patient bear the name of any disease ad libitum, rather than go through the discharging & re= admitting process which "looks so bad." But all Medical Statistics are thereby rendered impossible-

Again, they are compelled to name the disease within a certain nomenclature, also inherited from the Picts, & which does not contain the names even of some diseases, unknown at the time when Diagnosis was more imperfect than it is now.

Again, no history of case is transmitted

Wellcome Ms 5481

with Patient, when he is transferred from one Hospital to another. His own statement has to be taken, if indeed he be capable of making a statement- as hundreds in the winter of /54 were not.

I dare say you know all these things usque ad nauseam- But Hospitals cannot have been your profession as they have been mine.

3. Many of the best Medical Officers will agree with Dr. Linton that one Ward Surgeon to 30 Patients only is *not* too much, due regard being had to the Patient, in attention to his case, to the Public, in attention to economy, to Science, in attention to Medical Statistics & history - Many will agree that one Senior to 350 Patients only is not at all too much.

And that for every 600 Patients a separate Hospital Establishment is desirable

4. I cannot agree with you in "taking the General Hospital at Scutari as the most favourable specimen of our Military Hospitals, the building having been originally designed for this use." Surely there are things of as much importance as a "building" to the good administration of a Hospital -

I could say much more on all these subjects- But *cué bono?*

[end 14:428]

Believe me ever,

Most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Lt. Col. Lefroy R.A.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/8/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

answ. 28th

PRIVATE. {up diag} Lea Hurst
Matlock
August 24/56

[14:442-44]

My dear Sir

You are our best friend, after all -
I have to thank you very much for your
very kind letter of July 25, with its
enclosure from Sir B. Hawes, which has
just reached me, forwarded, I presume,
from Scutari -

In *answer* to that part of Sir B.
Hawes's most kind request for my
"suggestions in a shape to bring our
"Doctors to consider them & give us
"sufficient reasons for rejecting them, if
"they are determined to reject them. It
"will be hard, no doubt, to compel the
"Doctors to consider & still harder to accept
"improvements proceeding from a woman"
I was going, *Hibernicè*, to ask you a
question - *What* shall I say to Lord
Panmure, to the Queen & what Memoran=
dum shall I give to Sir B. Hawes?
The first has proposed to see me at the
end of next month in London - the second
at the beginning in Scotland- In reply to

Wellcome Ms 5481

the third, I need not say that, even without knowing the fate of all Memoranda and (alas! that we must say it) of all Commissioners, IF they are honest,-- I should respectfully decline supplying the proposed "Memorandum" for the reason which Sir B. Hawes himself anticipates- And you who know so much of the workings of our ~~the~~ Medical Department in the East will easily anticipate many others- grounded on the one fact that all their passions & all their interests would be enlisted against anything I could propose -

2. But I have another reason - ~~And~~ or rather I should like to ask you another question. I should like to be employed in the Peace= , as in the War= Military Hospitals I was employed

i.e. in the Linen

Cooking
Nursing,

} Depts=

to a certain

extent which I could define, & which would not exclude but facilitate the

Wellcome Ms 5481

instruction of the Orderlies in their business, which indeed was one of the main uses of me in the War= Hospitals, altho' I am aware that the necessity of training the Male Orderlies, M.S.C., has been made one of the principal reasons, (or shall I say excuses?,) for excluding me.

However that may be, even this would not be my principal reason for desiring an official entrance into the Army Hospitals, to the cause of reforming which I feel myself given for life, directly or indirectly. For my principal reason is the *indirect* one of having legitimate means of information by which I could suggest reforms, not in my power or province to execute.

Now, should I not cut myself off from all chance of ever obtaining employment in the Military Hospitals by suggesting the necessity of any great reform to my Magnates *three now*? It is certain that I should, if any of the Army *Medical* Magnates were to have a scent of it.

Would it not be better for me to

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ask directly & humbly for a Female Nursing Department in the Army Hospitals, which I have little doubt the Queen would grant, without making myself more obnoxious than I am, - or should I state boldly the whole case at first?

3. Should you say that I had better keep myself to the object pointed out by the Nightingale Fund, I should like to be allowed to lay before you the reasons which convince me that, with the buzz about my name at present, which is against every condition of ~~reform~~ success, I had better have nothing to do with *that* for some time -

{that overtop illeg}

If I could not, therefore, gain access to the Army Hospitals, I should take some small, remote & poor Hospital for some years where I might indirectly but *not nominally* pursue my object of training women -

4. I entirely agree with what you say about the "great difficulty in Dr. Jamieson's scheme of promotion (of Medical Officers) by districts." It was

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the very same difficulty which struck me & made me say to you that I ~~entirely~~ disagreed with him. All that you say about the "Doctors" & our body politics "*chronic disease*" is so exactly what my sad experience comes to. But, if you should decide for my telling the truth & the whole truth to Lord Panmure and the Queen about their War- Hospitals, viz. that not one step has been made in reform or to prevent the scene of '54 from being acted all over again in any future War - avoiding, of course, all personal assaults upon individual Doctors whose actions are the results only- to themselves,- of the system under which they live- I should, in that case, much like to consult with you, whose opinion must be necessarily, in some respects, better than mine, as to what reforms are desirable & what are practicable?

As you imply, there is nothing to be done, without an entire raising of the Medical Departmt=. It is evident,

Wellcome Ms 5481

that it would be ~~improper~~ presumptuous for me to discuss their medical merits. But three things must be acknowledged

(1.) that, while promotion is a question, not even of seniority, but of the caprice of one man, they must be slaves, & they are not to blame for that want of honor & independence which we are accustomed to expect in English men of science- Whether any system of examination and of "concours" as the condition of promotion would remedy this, I am not qualified to say

{and overtop illeg}

(2.) that they must be better paid & better taught- or no good man will enter or will stay among the Army Surgeons -

(3.) that a Medical Officer, after having risen to a certain rank, must not cease to do that which he is put there for, in order to do something quite different, i.e make Requisitions for pots & pans instead of practising Therapeutics. Without falling into

the tyrannous system of the French Intendance, but keeping the Medical Officer always, as he is & ought to be supreme in his own Hospitals, it would be easy to take the pots & pans off his hands -

If it is true that the Medical Officers of the Army are the lowest, in Medical Science in England, there is enough to account for it. I know there are brilliant exceptions. But I know, curiously enough, that the principal exception to this imputation of want of science is the one most anxious to be relieved from the 'Pots & Pans' System- What should you think of Caesar Hawkins, if he had to see that the beds were clean at St. George's Hospital? would he even have been Caesar Hawkins?

I have answered your most kind letter with a length which I fear will make you wish you had never

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written it -

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If I could find a mouth= piece, not
obnoxious to the same hostility which
the Army Surgeons naturally feel towards me
"because", as a General Officer once told me,
"they know they have been "found out", I would {'they know' overtop
illeg}
gladly give every suggestion that has
occurred to me to be worked up &
promulgated for the benefit of the Service
I should have much pleasure in
conferring (Memoranda in hand) with
yourself & Sir B. Hawes on the subject.

I will now only say that I should
be ruined if you were to betray my
(above) audacious projects, & that I am

[end 14:444]

My dear Sir

ever yours very faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Lt Colonel Lefroy

R.A.

5479/9 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

Birk Hall

Ballater

Aberdeenshire

Sept 29/56

[14:453]

My dear Sir

Do the widows of
the Land T. Corps
participate in
the Patriotic Fund?
I see no principle
upon which they
should be excluded
seeing that the late
L.T.C. endured
{2 lines in other hand in pencil:}
"Miss Fanny Taylor. Eastern [?]
Nurses"

Wellcome Ms 5481

in lieu of the
combatants part
of the Army,- (&
suffered from) the
same difficulties
in the winter of
55- 56 which
decimated the
combatant branches
in 54- 55 far
more than wounds

But so many
widows of the
L.T.C. come to
me to ask IF they
may apply to the
Patriotic Fund
{rest of folio cut}

[end]

with many thanks
for your last
important ~~letter~~ suggestions
to me, about which
I trust that you
will hear a great
{rest of folio cut}

5479/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen
answ Nov 1 ?

[14:461]

30 Old Burlington St.
Oct 31/56

My dear Sir

I am about to claim
your most kind promise
of allowing me to see
you about Military
Hospital matters here.

I am come up to
London, in order to see
a few friends & a few
enemies, with regard
to a long job, imposed
upon me, which has

Wellcome Ms 5481

mainly arisen out
of your suggestions
to me in your last
kind letter -

 If you could come
& see me to-morrow
in the afternoon, or
name any day and {overtop illeg}
hour which will be
least inconvenient to
you, (should you be in
town,)-- you will be
conferring a great

benefit upon a cause
in which we are
both equally interested.

I know,- though few,
I believe, can know
like me the *needless*
sacrifice of human
life & of money which
has taken place in
the late War- nor
how those results of
delay, inefficiency &
irresponsibility, which

{know overtop illeg}

{those overtop illeg}

every one admits, arose
from governing a
General Hospital, (among
other Institutions) by
several Departments,
of which the Officers
are appointed by
different authorities -
Believe me to be

[end]

 dear Sir
Yours very truly & gratefully
 Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[14:471]

30 Old Burlington St
Dec 2/56

My dear Sir

Thank you very much
for your kind remembrance
of me & my men- My
mother & I shall have
very great pleasure in
dining with you & Mrs.
Lefroy on *Thursday*, if
that will suit you. I
am sorry to say, for my
father's sake, that he
is gone down into
Hampshire - (1/2 p.7. will be
your hour-)

I should be very glad
to have a little conversation
with Sir John Richardson
previously, as you kindly
propose, because a man
sometimes likes to have
a little time to think
over his answers to a
few questions (or the
Government of Haslar)
which I wished to ask
him, if he will be so
good as to answer them.

I am greatly distressed,

in a scientific, not in
a friendly point of view,
that my Master has
the gout- And I enclose
you the latest history
of "the Commission"-- for
yourself & to be returned
to me - My friend, you
see, thinks me an
enthusiast, whereas I
am only persevering
which he is not, though
a far better man than
I am -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I would either come to
you at ½ past 5 on
Thursday to meet Sir
John Richardson or see
him here, whichever is
least inconvenient to you
& him -

[end 14:471]

Believe me ever
faithfully & gratefully yrs
F. Nightingale

5479/12 W.E. Nightingale to Dear Sir, 28 Dec 56, Embley, Romsey, re:
inviting Mr and Mrs Lefroy for a visit

5479/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
1/4/57

My dear Sir

Thank you very much [15:262-63]
for your kind note -

I shall have great
pleasure in remembering
your "Royal Hospital" case

I don't at all agree
with you in looking upon
your change of occupation
as a change to "lower
concerns". I think the
civilizing process which
you are now able
greatly to direct, is the

very highest "concern" of
all. And I am sure
that you will work a
wonderful reformation,
if it were only by the
Reading Rooms. When I
remember the entire
change, as between a
savage population & a {population overtop illeg}
Christian one, which
was effected between
the years 54- 55, &
55- 56 at Scutari in
the moral condition of
the men, I think what

Wellcome Ms 5481

might not be done for
these soldiers? far more than {soldiers overtop illeg}
for the officers-

I should be so very
glad to see you when
you return to town-
I fear I may not be
here- But would you
enquire if I am?

We have {overtop illeg} not yet
our Reading Huts at
Aldershot_ If expence
is the reason, I should
be so very glad to help
Our Hospitals are
in a disgraceful state-

those of Chatham worst
of all- I think it
hardly fair to contrast
the condition of the soldier
in Hospital with what
as you say,
"he would be in his
laborer's home" - but
with what the Sailor
is in his Naval Hospital.
The comparison is dis=
honourable to the War
Dept=, heart= rending to us.

Believe me my dear Sir
Most faithfully yours
F Nightingale

I don't believe any thing will
be done in all the branches
of Reform we have talked of
together -

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[end

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5479/14/1-2 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen [15:426-27]

30 Old Burlington St
London W
29/11/58

Dear Colonel Lefroy

Knowing how much
you are doing for the
men, I am very anxious
to get your advice,
approval & encourage=
ment about a thing
to which I know you
have already given
your attention- viz -
day= rooms for the
men-

Hitherto Government
has thought it had done
enough when it had
fed, clothed & housed
the men - But a man's
a man for all that -
And *he* did not find
it enough - Government
gave him a great deal
of spare time & no
occupation for it -
And so he did mischief
with it - Small blame
to him! Government
raves against his
intemperance & immorality.

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But I say again, small
blame to him!! Would
it not be much better
to find him with
something to rival the
canteen & the pleasures
of "absence without
leave" in his estimation?

Reading= Rooms &
School= Rooms are not
enough- How few men
of that class in Civil
Life care to read!
BESIDES the Reading= room
& the School room,
would not a Day =room,
where the men might

smoke & talk - warm,
well= lighted (for all
men of that class are
fond of light) well=
ventilated & clean -
where they might play
any game but games
of hazard- where they
might have a Bar,
with tobacco & any
drink but spirituous
liquors- where they
might see the news=
papers & periodicals-
where pictures & plans
& maps illustrating

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the soldiers' trade
might cover the walls
- do you not think
the soldiers would go
to such a room?

We found it so at {We overtop illeg}
Scutari-

I cannot think that
there would be much
difficulty in finding
ground for Day= rooms.
And I should be so
glad to help in finding
games, furniture,
newspapers, pictures
&c for them, if you

approved -

All my experience
of the soldier & the
class from which he
springs goes to prove
that such day= rooms
are powerful rivals
to the public-house
& to worse places -

If the Barrack=
room were what it
ought to, be, viz. the
soldiers' bed room
only, we should hear
a great deal less of

his disorderly conduct
& of the canteens-

That all the men
cannot be induced
to forsake the canteens
is doubtless true -

But we have
scarcely tried to make
any do so - except the
reading= men who are few **[end 15:427]**

{rest of folio torn}

{text in other hand vert in left marg:}

Gave the signature to Edm. Deedes [?] of Canada 1 12/58

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{text in other hand:} autograph given away

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5479/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

W Dec 2/58

My dear Col. Lefroy

Thank you very
much for your parcel
& its contents- I am
very sorry that you
should have taken the
trouble to render me
any account, which
I neither expected
nor wished- But I
like very much to
see what you have
been doing for the men

You never could be in
my "bad books," as you
call it, whatever others
might be- Your words
sadly remind me of
what La Rochefoucauld
says of the Fronde, too
truly applicable, as I
have always thought
to ~~the~~ our War Office
- there never were
so many fine words
& so little good sense_
- so much enterprise
& so little effect -
so much action without

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design & so much design
without action. [I
forget the exact terms,
I dare say you recollect
them- but it is true]

I like your improved
rules for the Reading= rooms
very much.

Did you even see
the little book I enclose?
I have turned down
the leaves which I
think shew our men's
simple heroism &
good sense in trouble.
The man I knew, a
good but by no means
unusual specimen

of what our men are.
If you approve, I would
send you some more
copies for your Reading
Rooms -

I see I am still
£1.19.4 in your debt,
which I herewith
enclose -

Pray believe me
very sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
I will not trespass more
upon your time about
the Day= rooms till you
are a little less pressed

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen [15:276]

30 Old Burlington St
W Dec 15/58

My dear Sir

I have read the
book by Fonblanque
("Organization of British
Army") whom you
recommended to the
task - I think it
is a capital book -
And on the points
on which my experience
enables me to judge

I hardly ever differ
with him -

Nevertheless the
book is almost useless,
because he is ignorant
of the changes in
progress- Especially
is this the case
with regards to the
Medical, Sanitary,
Hospital & Purveying
business - which is
besides the feeblest
part of the book -

In his Preface he
invites communications
for a second Edition,
which I have no
doubt the book will have - {book overtop illeg}

Do you think he
is the kind of man
whom one might
venture to enlighten
as to the changes
now actually in
contemplation by
Government - or
already carried?

Wellcome Ms 5481

One word from you,
Yes, or No, will much
oblige me - And, if yes,
the man's address, if you know it -

My opinion, I am
sorry to say, (the result
of much experience)
of most Army men
is that it is no use
informing them_ Because
they are convinced {overtop illeg}
already - And the
righter you are &
the wronger they are,
the worse for you -

[end]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

5479/17/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen,
Rcd at Corfu July 2 1859

30 Old Burlington St. [14:1007]

W.

June 6/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I do not know where
you are - so I take the
liberty of sending ~~th~~
a copy of Miss Martineau's
"England & her Soldiers"
to your house- If you
approve it, & if you
think it will be
useful to the men,
as giving some knowledge

Wellcome Ms 5481

of the Departments &
of the laws of health,
I should like to put
40 or 50 copies at
your disposal for the
Regimental Libraries
& Reading Rooms, for
which you have done
so much - I read
your Report with the
greatest pleasure -
the one you were so
kind as to send me -
I send you an Article

in the "Examiner" upon
it- which you may
not have seen -

With regard to
"England & her Soldiers"
if you accept it, I
would direct Smith
& Elder, the Publishers,
to send the number
of copies you approve,
wherever you think
it would be the least
trouble to yourself
to have them sent.

I had your note

from Southampton two
months ago, which
gave me great pleasure.

Believe me

my dear Sir

Yours sincerely ever

F. Nightingale

I send you the London
Gazette of May 31, that
you may see we have
not been resting on
our oars, but that
Mr. Herbert is going
to do the same thing
for our Indian Army
as for home -

Wellcome Ms 5481

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If we could find a
good Commandg= Officer
who would try the
Day Rooms in his own
Regiment at Aldershot
Mr. Herbert would like
to put such an one
on the Commission.

[end]

F.N.

5479/18/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Private {up diag} 30 Old Burlington St. [15:284]

London W

Sept 5/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I do not know
whether you are travelling
about after our Defences.
I am very anxious to
ask your advice.

Perhaps you know
that Mr. Herbert is
going to establish a
few General Hospitals
with *Governors*. He
thinks these Governors

should be about the
rank of Lt. Colonels
& ~~will~~ should receive
about £100 a year
additional -

Portsmouth, Devonport,
Woolwich are to be
the first places tried -

Could you recommend
any Officers whom you
think fit for such
a charge, from their
power of mastering
administrative
details?

Wellcome Ms 5481

Sir H. Storcks is the
kind of man whom
I have seen do this
sort of thing best -
General Hospital
Regulations have been
drawn up which you
perhaps have seen -
But if you have
{rest of folio cut}

suggest the names of
two or three Officers
whom you think
suitable for the things
& who you think
would accept it you
would very much
{illeg folio cut off}

5479/18/2 {in another hand:} 5 Sept 59 The rest of this letter was
given
to some one as an autograph

5479/19/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen **[15:287]**

30 Old Burlington St

W Oct 13/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I was very much
obliged to you for the
names of Governors for
General Hospitals -

You were right in
supposing that we
were drawing up a
code of new Regulations
and you were right
in supposing that it
would never *do to*

Wellcome Ms 5481

enfranchise a Governor
of a General Hospital
from the dominion of
the Commander in Chief -
You will see that we
have anticipated your
~~this~~ objection P. 38- [The
sentence to which
you took exception,
in my rough sheets,
referred merely to
this: viz. that the Governor
of a General Hospital
must not be liable
to be moved to the
front; must not

be in command of the
Depot or the District:
but must be *speciallly*
commissioned for the
purpose of governing
the General Hospital,
& not govern it merely
as Officer Commanding
in the District or be
replaced during absence
by the Senior Military
Officer on the Station]
But, of course, the
Commander of the Forces
must have the right
of inspecting in his

{during overtop illeg}

own Hospital, of moving
his Hospitals &c. And
in that sense the
Governor would not
be independent of him.

I should very much
have liked, if you had
had time, to have
asked your detailed
opinion upon the
Code of Regulations, of
which I venture to
send you the Proof Sheets;
which please return to me.
But, in the absence

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of more time, would

Wellcome Ms 5481

6579/19/2

you be so very kind
as just to look at
the General Hospital
part, Pages 38 to 46, & at
the Governor's more
particularly P.p. 38-40.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Both War Office &
Horse Guards have, at
last, passed these Regulations.

They are now going
through the Press with
a few corrections_ Would {overtop illeg}

Would you, if you have
no chance of any time
to look at them now,
return the Proofs to
me at once?

F.N.

[end]

5479/20 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[15:428]

Hampstead NW

Oct 14/59

Dear Col. Lefroy

I should never have ventured
to ask you to order things for the men
at Gibraltar, knowing how your time
is occupied. But as you are so
very good as to offer it, I cannot
resist troubling you - If therefore
you will be so very kind as to
order a year's supply of newspapers
& periodicals, I should be very
much obliged to you- Because no
one knows so well as you do
what is good for the men & what
they will read. The Illustrated

Wellcome Ms 5481

London News, the Leisure Hour, the
British Workman, Cassell's paper,
Chambers', Punch, these I remember
they used to like - But, if you
find it really takes up too much
of your time to order these things,
& would send me a list of
what you think best, I could
order them -

[end]

Any games that you will
send them out I shall be too happy.
And I venture to enclose you a
Cheque for £10. But, should
you exceed this & will tell me,
I should only be too grateful to
you - I have but that one
object now -

yours sincerely & gratefully
F. Nightingale

Don't call at Burlington St. please
till I tell you. (Because I am here).
And I should like to take my
chance of being able to see you
when you are so good as to come.
But whatever you send to me
there will come to me here
without delay - (And I hope
they will mend their bell!)
I am uncertain about my day
of going back -

Thank you very much for your
most kind letter - It is truly
kind in every sense of the word.
But the feeling of disappointment
& incompleteness will hang about
one's best efforts -

I am sorry for the men that

you are no longer their I.G. Army
Schools, but I can quite understand that it is a
waste, so to speak, to put
you to that kind of work -

[end 15:428]

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/21/1

30 Old Burlington St
July 28/60

[15:429-30]

My dear Sir

I ought to have
answered your kind
letter long ago -

I am very much
indebted to you for
all the trouble you
have taken.

I wish the
Gibraltar people
would get out their
Report- No doubt
the first thing to do

is to clear off the
debt- And I think
if we had the Report,
we should be able
to get the money.
I believe Mr.
Herbert would
allot something
towards it as a
"Day= Room". And
I believe we could
make the public
do something.

The subscriptions

for the first year,
ending April 1860,
were £385 odd.
The debt £1200 odd.
A good report
setting forth the
case & mentioned
in the English papers
would, I believe,
clear this off -

I think Col:
Maberley's letter is
a very nice one -
It shews how much
wise & good feeling

Wellcome Ms 5481

for the men exists.

I send down
to the W.O. to day,
addressed to you,
a M.S. Report & plans
sent me by Lt.
Pilkington Jackson.
Perhaps you will be
good enough to cast
your eyes over it
& to return it
to me, - with any
suggestions of yours.

As Col. Maberley
mentions the "penny

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papers" as being
liked by the men,
perhaps you would
be so good as to
take some more
trouble, & subscribe
for a year for them
for three penny
papers, the Star,
the Telegraph &
the Standard -
Or, if you know
of any better,
so much the
better - You will

be so kind as to judge.
I find it comes to
£3.17.10 - which
I enclose, with
the £5.4.9, which
I am so much
indebted to you for
already.

Thank you
very much for
what you say and
wish for me. It
is just what I like,

Wellcome Ms 5481

what I want, what
touches my need.
To pray for a
restoration to health
which can neither
be desired nor
expected is not
the kindness which
touches the sick;
but to understand
what their wants
are - This is
what you have
done -

[end]

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

5479/22/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen
Ansd 8 Oct/60

[16:377-78]

Hospital Tents {up diag} Hampstead NW
Sept 28/60
{in other hand:} Miss Nightingale on
Hospital Tents

My dear Sir

I am very glad to
hear of your Report
upon Tents-

In reply to your
question: -

I have never seen
a tent (or even a hut)
where the sick would
not have been better
without a stove than
with one - It is so
difficult to prevent

Wellcome Ms 5481

extreme variations of
temperature with the
stove that I have
often seen severe
Rheumatic attacks
from ~~their~~ its use -

I would much
rather warm my
Patients with hot
bricks & plenty of
warm clothing than
with fire in a tent
(or even in a hut.)
You will say that
Patients require
the *air* of the tent
sometimes

to be warmed In
Bronchitis, Pneumonia
& such things they
undoubtedly do. But
it is a fact that, in
the exposed conditions
where tents (& huts)
are used, you do
not have these
complaints to deal
with often. And Cholera
& such other diseases
which require instant warmth
to the skin
may better be warmed
by hot bottles &c -

However, I am only

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giving my own
experience - Doubtless,
if a good stove,
could be contrived,
it would be a
great comfort -
But you cannot
carry these very
ingeniously managed
stoves with you
in a campaign.)

2. According to the
new "Medical Regu=
lations" (if you do {diag line down from 'if you do', to end of
'one?'}
not happen to have
a copy by you, may {overtop 'I'}
I send you one?)
with the places marked

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there is now *no*
Hospital tent - but
a Marquee for *sick*
& a bell= tent for
equipments. [It is
lines}
enough-] After taking
all the best evidence,
it was thought
right to provide
no means for
warming in the
"Regulations," & *no*
transport for stoves.
[This last was said to
be impossible] These
things, it was thought,

{ 'It is enough' x-out with 2 vert

Wellcome Ms 5481

must be very much
left to the Med. Offrs=.

The same thing as
to cooking apparatus.
They will have to
excavate or build
kitchens on ~~the~~ march.

It will therefore
not be necessary to
consider the question
of "warming".

3. The Hospital
Marquees are very
bad for want of
ventilation.

Three years ago,
we began drawing up

plans for ventilation.
It was never continued.
I venture to enclose
to you our beginning.
Altho' it rather shows
what is required
than how to do it,
it may be of some
little use to you.

4. If you liked
to send me your
Report (or any part
of your Report), I
should be very glad
to suggest for your
approval anything
which may have

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come within my own
experience- And
I promise not to
be so long as I have
been this time -

I have only
just opened yours
of the 22nd (!) The
fact is, I have
been unusually ill
& busy. And they
deprived me of
my private letters.

Anything that
you send to 30 Old
Burlington St. is
however always
forwarded within the
day- to me - yours sincerely F. Nightingale **[end 16:378]**

5479/23/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Gibraltar Hampstead **[15:430]**
Home {up diag} Sept 28/60
My dear Sir

Thank you very
much for what you
have done about
the Gibraltar "Home".

I entirely agree
to what you say
about the necessity
of its not coming
under the Barrack
Master -

I am not without
hopes that the W.O.
will do something.

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I had already seen
Capt. Galton about it.

And we have been
in communication with
some of the Officers
of the "Committee".

From their account,
there will be a good
deal of difficulty -
They say Capt- Jackson
is so unbusiness= like
that he has taken,
altered and fitted up
these houses without
any or without -
sufficient agreements,
as to lease or tenancy,-

upon a

a mere verbal arrangement
with {overtop 'from'} an old man of
75. The rent is
£144 a year-

They say that no
arrangement could
be come to, till Capt.
Jackson's return.

If a lease of
7 years could be
obtained, or a lease
terminable by the
Govt= at the end of
every year, I believe
that (provided the
Governor recommended
the scheme) Mr.

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Herbert would
sanction the rent
being paid by the
W.O., and give a
sum of (say) £500
towards the fittings.

The Committee
say that Capt. Jackson
is incapable of
making a clear
statement. [I wrote
to him; & his
answer is certainly
not one, on which
the W.O. could act]
The Committee have

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promised to draw
up one- And till
this comes in, we
shall not be able
to get anything done-

Capt. Jackson,
who is just married,
tells me, in his
letter, that it is
very inconvenient
to him to be
without the money.
And I say that,
as there were
many business like

men in the Garrison
who did *not* make
the "Home", and one
unbusiness= like one
who did, we must
do our best to
help the "Home"
out of its scrape.

May I ask
you this question?
Would it be
practicable for {overtop 'to'}
the W.O. to take
the whole thing

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as it is, on condition

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that the *lease*=matter
could be arranged,
paying what cost
has been incurred,
- *and then let*
it go on under
the management
of the men as at
present, without
any interference
of the Barrack=
Master? Or is
this impossible?
And should we
try to get Mr.

Herbert to give
£1000, as you
suggest, merely
as a grant?
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I am very sorry for
the forgetting (on my
part) to pay the
Newspapers' ~~postage~~
penny stamp- If this
has entailed any
past expence, I
should like to pay
it, please -

F.N.

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5479/24/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen

[14:1012-13]

30 Old Burlington St

23. Nov 24/60

To copy (in another hand)

My dear Sir

I have pinned in
two remarks at P.p. 8
and 13 of your Draft,
which I return -

I also send one
of the (old) Proofs of the
"Medical Regulations,"
which I happen to
have by me - If you
look at P.p. 71 and 73,
which were drawn
up with the greatest

care with Alexander,
the late Director General,
(the greatest loss *that*
service ever had)
you will see that for
a Brigade on field
service, a spade &
pick=axe are {overtop illeg} judged
all that is {overtop was} necessary
to provide the Hospital
stoves (kitchen), together with two
triangles - (four for
a Division.)

At the same time,

remembering as we do
the entire want of
ingenuity betrayed by
some Divisions (in the
first Crimean winter
of 54-55) in providing
fire for their Hospitals
(I send you some

specimens by myself
of the relative
skill displayed
by Scotch, English,
Turkish & Sardinians
- undoubtedly the
last is the best)

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I should hardly think

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it safe to let the
quotation from me
pass, P. 8 of your Draft without
your adding- in the
very strongest terms-
that - it is of the
utmost importance
in Field Hospitals to
have means at hand
for heating bricks,
water &c & preparing
~~warm~~ hot "extras" & drinks for the
sick.

But, for this purpose,
ingenuity is more necessary

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than the best stove.

Alexander's division
(in that dreadful winter)-
was famous for this ingenuity.

I have seen the
best Hospital fire=places
prepared with a
spade & pick axe in
the ground -

And I have seen
the best fires for warming
tents dug out ditto
in the ground underneath.

I think it possible
that some lazy Medical
Officers would take

advantage of the
quotation (in your
Draft) P. 8 to neglect
preparing means
for fire at all, for
their Hospital tents
& marquees - without
some strong comment from you -

I have a great
many things to ask
you about. But I
cannot write now -

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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5479/25/1-5 signed letter, 8ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W Nov 26/60

[15:435-37]

My dear Sir

One of the things
which I have long
wished to ask you
about is this: -

You once mentioned
to me the Woolwich
Day Room or "Soldiers'
Home", or whatever it is
called - I have heard
a good deal about
it since, & that it
is now "on its last legs"

The W.O. are making
enquiries about it.
Could you tell me
anything and whether
anything could be done
to save it?

You are the only au=
=thority who has [overtop 'have'] any
experience in these
matters. Otherwise I
would not trouble you.

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2. For the same reason,
I enclose a private
Memo= from Genl= Lawrence
at Aldershot about

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Garrison Libraries- &
the substance of it,
embodied in a
proposal -

About both these
things, the S. of S.
could be induced to
do something, if you
would say what you
advise- and if you would object,
or propose anything
additional which
would enable the
desired objects to be
arrived at

Should the W.O.

pay for the Newspapers
& Periodicals?

Regiments in Garrisons
are moveable bodies.
E.g would there be
difficulty about the
exact appropriation
of the Subscriptions
to the good of the
Subscribers, especially
on foreign Stations?
Men might subscribe
up to the day of their
departure & the
periodicals arrive
after they are gone.
Again, different Regts=

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might like different papers. Or a large number of subscribers might furnish funds for the supply of periodicals to a small number of subscribers from the next Regts= who arrive - And vice versa

Are some fixed quantities wanted in order that the supply may arrive regularly?

Do these difficulties occur with Regimental Libraries?

Would there be

difficulty in the W.O. deducting the amounts & paying for the Periodicals &c?

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3. I have been told that the Woolwich Reading room has been carried on by a few N.C. Officers & Privates, who had found the benefit of it- but that it is now falling through- This would be a thousand pities. And I would do anything to prevent it

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4. Anything that has to be done in the W.O. must be done *out of* the W.O. tho' this sounds like a "bull"- I mean, *whatever is done*, is done, directly with the S. of S. Whatever goes thro' the W.O. is *not* done. You must do a thing by unofficial means, if it is to be done at all- Of this I dare say you are well aware - And therefore I want to make haste, with the present S. of S.

I enclose you an Abstract of the Minutes (enough to fill a small Blue Book) which I have ~~seen~~ about the unfortunate Gibraltar "Home". in order to prove this point, which I dare say does not require proving to you-

I trust you will not refuse your advice, in order that some general measure may be taken about these Libraries & Day Rooms, while the present S. of S. is still in office yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

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Memo= by Genl- Lawrence
on Garrison Libraries-
The Garrison Libraries,
as constituted at present,
are not *Reading Rooms*.
There is an allowance
of fire & light, but
this rarely benefits
anybody but the
Librarian: the Soldier
seldom sits down to
read.

I would propose
to increase (double)
the Subscription to
/2d monthly, more than
which is often paid
to a Regl= Library,
& to supply them
with Newspapers
& Periodicals. The
former are extensively
read by the men:
generally speaking,
those only of the
lowest & most vicious

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character are within
reach of the Soldiers.

It would therefore be
wisdom to supply him
with publications of
a better character,
and this might be
done by the existing
machinery: the
Committee of Officers
who meet monthly
to regulate the
accounts of the Garrison
Library- to whom
might be added a
Sub: Comtee= of N.C.
Officers, if thought
desirable. This
Committee would fix
the number of
Newspapers to be
taken at the Station,
depending upon the
number of Subscribers,
& selections from a
List published by

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the Secretary of State for War, which would include all the leading Journals & some of the best of the Penny Papers, & also the Periodicals with the prices attached to regulate the supply.

This would attract the men & *the Librarian might be allowed to supply tea, coffee, biscuits &c*

Periodicals are now supplied to the Garrison Library, but the number might be greatly increased with advantage.

To show how popular such Libraries are, there are often 200 or 300 Subscribers to a Regimental Library where there is often a difficulty in obtaining a suitable room.

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To supply the Stations abroad would be a still greater boon, particularly in hot climates. And I am sure that troops in the field would gladly contribute double the amount of subscription to be provided with newspapers & periodicals through the post.

Payments would be made through the Pay List.

Those who have served abroad know with what avidity newspapers are read by the men, even when a month old, & how many papers might in this way be supplied to a Regiment with 300 Subscribers (25/)

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"Times" - "Illustrated"-
Russell's Paper &
some other penny
papers.

If there was
no Library at the
Station, they might
be supplied with
Periodicals as well
as Newspapers for
their 2d.

A.J. Lawrence
Aldershot

Nov 20/60

[Genl= Lawrence
farther says that
the "Victoria" Library
is a perfect waste
of money as no
one is allowed
to READ in the
room - and the
man is paid 3/ a day
to keep the books locked up

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Garrison libraries as at present constituted, not being reading= rooms & consequently of no use to the men as places of instruction and recreation: - it is proposed to convert such Libraries into Reading= rooms, to which all the soldiers in Garrison may be admitted, on payment of a monthly subscription.

It is proposed farther to increase the attractiveness of such rooms to the soldier by supplying the Garrison Library room with newspapers & periodicals, under proper precautions as to their nature & character, for which purpose an authorized List is to be drawn

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up by the War Office
from which the
Newspapers & periodicals,
as well as the
number of copies of
each that may be
required, are to be
selected.

In order that the
affairs of the Library,
as regards this
matter, may be
managed in a
manner satisfactory
to all parties: -
it is proposed that
a joint Committee
of Officers and
N.C. Officers (to be
named by the C.O.
of the Station -?-)
be appointed to
receive and apply
the Subscriptions
and to select the
Newspapers and

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Periodicals from the
authorized List.

To meet the expences,
it is proposed to
raise the men's
subscription from
1d to 2d per month ---
payment to be
made through the
Pay List.

It is proposed
farther to permit
the Librarian to supply
the men with tea
& coffee at a fixed
price.

These advantages
to be extended to
all stations at
home & abroad,
where there are
Garrison Libraries,
and the Newspapers
& Periodicals to be
sent by post.
Nov 26/60

[end 15:437]

5479/26/1 signed letter, 4ff, pen [15:437-38]

20 Old Burlington St
W Dec 5/60

Dear Colonel Lefroy

I feel it is quite
wrong to trouble you
who are engaged
now with so many
more important
occupations - And
yet I can hardly
call any thing
more important
than the morality
of the men - which

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depends so much
upon their Day
Rooms &c

I am sure that
you do much good
by calling attention
to your own School
Report and Library
Regulations -

I have already
conned them again,
for the benefit of
Genl= Lawrence, &
forwarded to him
the gist of what
you say.

Also, it is a great
guide for Mr. Herbert,
whom I saw on
Sunday - who is
anxious to do some=
thing but does not
quite know what.
But I think we shall get your £2 per
ann per company or troop - now

Upon that part
of your letter I shall,
I am afraid write
to you more at length
I think your advice (in your Report)
will now be followed.

2. I only write now
about the poor little
Woolwich Day: Room.

If it were more
substantial, I am sure

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the W.O. would do
something for it.

Meanwhile, I
venture to trouble
you about the
means of making
it so -

If I understand
right, the Officers
have taken the debt
with them.

Now I don't at
all want to help
the Officers but to
help the men -

I think the
Officers might very

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well pay a debt
of £67. And I
don't want to give
anything which
might be seized
for debt-

From a printed
paper which I
have received from
the W.O., it appears
that the N.C. Officers
have doubled and
trebled their own
subscriptions.

I therefore venture
to hope that you will

Wellcome Ms 5481

forgive me, if I ask
you to appropriate
the enclosed £25
so as best to help
the men on -

Perhaps a
Bagatelle Board -
perhaps Lectures -
perhaps Subscriptions
for Newspapers -

I have a
quantity of maps
& military prints
(framed) for
Soldiers' Day Rooms
- a part of which

I should be glad to
send them - if only
the debt could be
paid off -

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully

F. Nightingale

I have no doubt
that, with your
assistance & information,
the "Victoria Library"
Regulations & practice
may be made more
useful (at Aldershot)

5479/26/3 {in another hand:} Extract of a Letter from Miss Nightingale

I only write now about the
poor little Woolwich Day room.
If it were more substantial, I
am sure the War Office would
do something for it. Meanwhile
I venture to trouble you about
the means of making it so.

If I understood right, the
officers have taken the debt with
them.

Now

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now I don't at all want to help the officers but to help the men.

I think the officers might very well pay a debt of £67 - and I don't want to give any thing which might be seized for debt.

From a printed paper which I have received from the W.O. it appears that the N.C. Officers have doubled and trebled their own subscriptions.

I therefore venture to hope that you will forgive me, if I ask you to appropriate the enclosed £25 so as best to help the men on.

Perhaps a Bagatelle Boarde perhaps Lectures - perhaps subscriptions for newspapers.

I have a quantity of maps & military prints/framed/ for soldiers day rooms - a part of which I should be glad to send them - if only

the debt could be paid off."
/signed/

F. Nightingale

{archivist:}
to Colonel Lefroy 5/12/1860

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/27/1-2 signed letter, 3ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W

[15:438-39]

Dec 17/60

Dear Col. Lefroy

I once more venture
to trouble you about
these Victoria Libraries.

The papers I
enclose (and which
please return, as I
have no copies,) will
shew you where we
stand -

The first sheet
is the questions which

I framed to Genl=
Lawrence upon your
letter, as you will see.
The second & third
are his answers -

He is coming up
to London on Thursday
upon this business -
And if you could
let me have the
enclosed papers
with your advice
back by Wednesday,
we may be able to do

something -

I sent Genl= Lawrence
Extracts both from
your School Report
& Library Regulations.

You will see that
he specially desires
that Garrison Libraries
should be connected
with reading= rooms
& supplied with
newspapers, periodicals
&c -

Would you give
your advice as to the

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manner?

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You will think it
both useless & troublesome
to ask these questions.
But no one seems to
take any initiative -
altho' many are
anxious to do something.

Your Regulations
permit Libraries to be
established in Garrisons
& C.O.s to provide
newspapers - Could the
Victoria Libraries be
brought under this
regulation?

Who should get up

5479/27/2
& manage this at
Aldershot?

Should there be
one uniform subscription
to Library & Reading Room?
How much? How should
the fund be managed?
By a Committee of
N.C. Officers or of
Officers?

Forgive me for
asking these questions,
which really seem
very silly to myself,
& believe me

ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/28 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Burlington St
Jan 30/61

[15:442]

My dear sir

I am going to
ask you for a great
favour. It is what
I have been longing
for for months. It
is about the Day
Rooms- & Reading
Rooms, Libraries &c

I gave a copy
of your proposed
Circular for the S. of S.

to Mr. Herbert- But,
whenever I have
urged him about
these Reading Rooms,
he always says, We
have no money. Then
I pressed him to do
something to improve
the existing machinery
& to come to conclusions
which might serve
for years when there
was more money.
He has now consented
to a small Commission,

and, if you would
serve upon it- and
*if you could anyhow
spare the time*, I
am sure it would
be worth while -
it would answer.

I am afraid
Mr. Herbert's time
at the War Office
will be short- (I
cannot bear to call
him by his new name)
And if something is
not done before he

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goes out,) nothing

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will be done -

I believe your
colleagues would be
Capt. Galton R.E.
Genl= Lawrence
Major Buckley of
Chatham

None of these men
have any experience
Altho' Genl= Lawrence
is most eager in
the cause. But he
is somewhat of the
tract line of business.
Capt. Galton is a very
efficient man-

[end]

ever yours sincerely F Nightingale

5479/29/1-2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

[15:443-44]

30 Burln St.

Feb 6/61

Dear Colonel Lefroy

Pray don't decline
the Reading Room Commn,
on the ground you say.

If you only attended
one Meeting, in
order to give inform=
ation, it would
still be worth while
to keep your name
on the Commn=, because
you would have a
check on the Report,

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because the Report
would have influence,
if signed by you,
- & because you
are the only man
of them who has
any experience-

Mr. Herbert has
spoken to the C. in
Chief about it -
who took it up
quite warmly, which
is all right because
it must be worked
thro' the H. Guards-
Certainly, as to

Day Rooms, we must
wait till there is
more Barrack
accommodation -
Nor is that the
most pressing -

Our object is
more, with existing
machinery, to do as
you say - render it
more attractive &
more accessible to
the men - & with
the means you say-
And perhaps the only
additional expence
at present need
be - more light &
a little ornamentation

Wellcome Ms 5481

- the men's own
subscriptions, if
encouraged, will do
much - with profits
on the sale of Coffee &c

If the only result
of this Commn were,
to call out the ideas
& rouse the attention
of Regl= Commg Officers
on this subject, it
would be much-

2. About the married
women's quarters -

Of course I agree
- oh how much I

5479/29/2

agree- with you
on this subject -

A great deal is
doing - and a great
deal more ought to
be done -

Married quarters
are being built in
many places- In
others, many Hospitals
might be turned
into capital married
quarters, as soon as
new Hospitals can
be built-

I know of scarcely
any place where
the C.O. could not,

Wellcome Ms 5481

if he chose, at least
separate the married
couples- from the
single men - now -

But this is not
enough - We shall
not be satisfied
till every married
couple has at least
one room to itself.

In some places,
lodging money, even
if granted, would
be of no use, because
there are no lodgings.

Corfu is very
bad - I myself but

two months back,
presented a Report
& urged it upon Mr.
Herbert, upon this
very subject at Corfu.
[upon Sir J. McNeill's
information]

He told me last
Sunday it was still
"under consideration"
at the W.O.

But Gibraltar
& Malta are as bad.

I will try, if
something immediate
cannot be done on
your plan, so that

the horrible immorality
of the thing may at
least cease, till
permanent Married
quarters are obtained **[end 15:444]**

ever dear Col Lefroy
yours gratefully
& truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/30 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Burln St- [15:444]
London W
Feb 10/61

My dear Sir

C. in C. and S. of S.
have come to an
understanding about
the Commee- for Reading
Rooms- and, altho'
I think they have
made it too large,
each adding on his
own man, I am
glad to have got it
at all. Now it

stands thus: ----

Col Lefroy
Gen Lawrence
Capt. Galton RE
Major Buckley
Genl= Eden (of
Chatham)
Dr. Sutherland
Infy= Off. Col Peacocke 1/16
Cavy= Off. - Douglas
Ld Herbert desired
me to write the
Instructions - And
I wanted to ask you

whether you would
add (or alter) anything
in the enclosed,
taken principally [>]
from your letters
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/31 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30, Old Burlington Street, [15:445]

W. {printed address:}

May 25/61

Dear Col. Lefroy

I hope that you
will never allow my
state of illness to
interfere with your
suggestion of anything
of this kind.

I gladly send you
my small contribution.

I have sadly
doubted (from experience)
of the good results of
closed Penitentiaries

of either of the R. Catholic
Church or our own -

[And I am not
sanguine & therefore
not easily discouraged]

The City Missionaries
& the Bible women
have, as you say,
had the greatest
success in this
melancholy almost
hopeless quarter -
And tho,' in many
respects, I cannot
help thinking the

Bible women's work
superficial. Yet it
is impossible not to
feel that they have
penetrated, where
others have failed,
especially among these
unfortunate women -

I am very glad
that you think the
Day Room Committee
will be successful
& that Capt. Jackson's

Wellcome Ms 5481

Public Meeting will
enlist sympathy in
the object in general
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

It is singular & most
creditable how often
Army men have taken
up the task of rescue,
in the subject you
mention, where
Civilians have done
nothing.

5479/32/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private {up diag}

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

March 28/64

My dear sir

[12:156-57]

You will be surprised
to hear from me after
so long a time. And I
am afraid you will
have forgotten me.

My reason for
troubling you now is
that Col: Wilbraham
told me that you had
had 120? applications
from *capable* women
wishing to serve as
Matrons at an Institution

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emanating from your
Patriotic Fund.

I said to Col:
Wilbraham: Send
them all to me. I
could find places for
twice that number,
if trained, as Hospital
Matrons.

Without hoping
that I should be
obliged to send for
the Police to clear the
street of "capable
women", applying for
Hospl= situations, I did hope
that he would have

sent me one. But he
has not.

[The case stands thus:
you are perhaps aware
that I have two
Training Schools for
Nurses, 1. at St Thomas'
& 1. at Kings' College
Hospital {overtop Hospitals}.

We have far more
situations to fill than
we have trained
candidates to fill them.

Besides this, I am
constantly receiving
applications from
county Hospitals,
Workhouse Infirmaryes
&c &c &c to ~~send~~

recommend

Wellcome Ms 5481

them a "Lady Matron"

[Most of these- are
paid situations.]

Besides this, St. John's
House, which nurses
King's College Hospital,
is greatly in want
of "Sisters". [Most of
these, but not all,
are unpaid situations.]

I can truly say
that I could find
situations for ladies
faster than we could
train them -

I would never
recommend any lady
to fill a situation as

Hospital

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Matron, to whom we had
not given some period
of training at one or
other of these Hospitals.
And I think it would
be just the best test
of her capacity, if she
thought it necessary
to receive some special
(Hospital) training.

The fact is, the
harvest is ripe. But
the labourers are few.

Of all the cant {vert. line from this line down to end of
folio}

talked now: a: days,
the worst cant is that
of there being no field
for women's work -

Wellcome Ms 5481

The work is there
(& well paid work too)
- the women are few
to do it.

Not to take up too
much of your hardly-
worked time: I will
only add that, if you
have any candidates
who would address
me by letter, I would
undertake to answer
all their questions
[I am afraid I could
not undertake to
see them, for I am
entirely a prisoner
laid up from illness

now, & overwhelmed
with business]

Or if they would
see personally

Mrs. Wardroper
St Thomas' Hospital
Newington

Surrey S

or Miss Jones

Lady Superintend-
King's College Hospital
W.C.

they would receive every
information] -

In sending out trained Nurses,
I always struggle against
the propensity to send
them out by driblets,
one here, one there: I

Wellcome Ms 5481

always try to send out
a Staff, with a Supt=,
trained with them,
to undertake a whole
Hospital.

E.g. [We are now about
to send out a Lady, &
eight nurses, trained
by us, to undertake
one of the largest
Workhouse Infirmaries
in the kingdom.]

This will explain to
you my anxiety to
catch ~~Matron~~ ladies to train
as Matrons.

[end 12:157]

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
{printed address upside down:} 115, Park Street. W.
M. General (?) Lefroy R.A_

5479/33/1-3 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 5ff, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
14/11/64

My dear Sir

I hope that you will
not have forgotten a
small correspondence
we had on the subject
of Lady Matrons &
Lady Supts- for Institutions
The Mrs. Moseley,
whom you were so
good as to mention
to me, wrote to me -
And I to her. We
would gladly have
found for her training

Wellcome Ms 5481

for & work, at either {overtop illeg}
St Thomas' Hospital or {overtop illeg}
King's Coll:, with a
choice of Supcies= after=
wards, of which we
have the filling- But
she shrank From the
technical training
necessary. She was
right, I have no doubt.
===

 This morning, a **[8:92-93]**
little to my surprise,
a lady, Miss Maria
Kingdon, cousin of a

cousin of mine, (J. Bonham
Carter MP.,) writes to me
her wish to be elected
Lady Supt= of your "Royal
School for Daughters of
Officers", at Bath. I can
only say, I think they
will be fortunate if
they can get her. [But,
as she tells me that
there are two candidates
already in the field,
"a Miss Moseley and a
Mrs. Tuckett," I think
it so probable that
the former may be your
"Mrs. Moseley", that in
that case all your influence

Wellcome Ms 5481

would be naturally in her
favour.

If this should *not* be
the case,] I should tell
you what I know of
Miss Kingdon. She has
great talents of management
& of education - is one
of the warmest, wisest,
most modest Christians
I know - most religious
& self devoted - a person
who, had she been a
R. Catholic, would have
been enlisted at once
as a "Soeur Supérieure"-
But when her cousin,
my cousin, Mrs. Bonham

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Carter, died of a long &
painful illness (cancer),
she was her right hand,
her nurse, the mother
to her 7 children - And
after her death, she
continued her charge,
till J. Bonham Carter
married again (Miss
Baring) this spring.

She was then at liberty
to do what I believe
she had wished all
her life. She consulted
me. And I could have
given her work at
Workhouse or Hospital

Wellcome Ms 5481

She was making up her mind- shrinking a little, I believe, like others, from the "professional" training needful - when her inclination led her strongly to the "Daughters of Officers'" School. [Genl= Lawrence, the Chairman, who first spoke to her about it, wishes for her election, I understand.] I do not hesitate to say that I am very sorry to lose her - tho' I had not caught her. But I

wish, above all, that she should go where she can work best.

She is, I guess, a little more than 40; but does not look so much -

When she consulted me, I understood that she wished to work without a salary. But most Institutions prefer, (& I think rightly) to give a salary.

I have known her, directly & indirectly, my whole life. And I have always thought what a valuable Supt= she

would make.

I have said my say -
& am ever

my dear Sir

Yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

B. [?] General

J.H. Lefroy R.A.

{printed address upside down:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

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5479/33/3

With some hesitation
& yet in full confidence,
I send you this note,
instead of putting it
in the fire, as I feel
inclined. It is a
foolish note, as all
notes must be foolish,
which cannot give
the whole case, (which
would take a quire
of foolscap to do.) Yet
I have the fullest
confidence that you

will make it
wise.

F.N. { Col. W. comes
thro' London
{ this week.

5479/34 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}

Feb 15/68

35 South Street, [14:1026]

Park Lane, {printed address:}

London. W.

My dear General Lefroy

You will be surprised
to hear from me after so
long a time. You must
have thought I was dead.

I should be much
pleased if you could make
the Pat:e Fund do something
for the family of poor
Dr. George Taylor, seeing
that my relations with him
were mainly your own
work.

If you had
not "made" me Supt= Genl=,
I should never have
been sent for to the two

Wellcome Ms 5481

Land Transport Corps
Hospitals, where
indeed we women,
were much wanted - tho'
it was near the close of
the War.

Dr. George Taylor was one
of the most industrious
& disinterested Medical
Officers we had - &
fought hard for his men.
I heard of his death
from that frightful
Mauritius fever with
great concern -
As for me, I am going on
just in the same way -
neither dying nor living.

I am a woman overdone
with cares & business - but
my business is chiefly
transferred to India -
Also our Nursing (Civil)
business has, thank God,
taken a great extension-
e.g. we supply Sydney, at
the request of the Govt= of
N.S. Wales _ And we
nurse the great Liverpool
Workhouse, 1350 Patients,-
- this to show you our
manner of business.

I know not what it is
to have 10 minutes leisure_
And I am an incurable
Invalid, a complete prisoner
to my room.

This must be my excuse
for so meagre a note to
so old a friend.

But I shall never forget
all your kindness to me
in strengthening often
my feeble hands

Pray believe me
ever yours gratefully
& sincerely

[end 14:1026]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5479/35 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE {up diag} {several squiggly lines beneath Private}
My dear Sir [15:373]

Having found my pencil notes illegible, even by myself- "Practical *M.F.*," after some study, revealing to me that I had put F. as an initial for Physics -

I have ventured to send them to you written in ink - my four courses I have written out in full - I could

however have done much worse. For I could have considerably enlarged on the subject of making this School a field for study for Officers returning on sick or periodical leave - which ought to be granted them.

I saw Mr. Herbert after he had seen you & tried to convince him of the difficulties - My man is Lord Palmerston,

a name not very popular either with him or you. However, I have had a good deal to do with two taints in my life, the Scorbutic Taint & the Office Taint- Of these the latter is the worst- And the three people in office whom I have found the freest from it are the Queen, Lord Palmerston & Mr. Herbert. Now Lord P.

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& Lord Shaftesbury, a
very inferior man, tell
me what is indeed
sufficiently obvious that
the Government has
& will have all the
evidence on its side &
we shall fail -

I have therefore urged
Mr. Herbert to fight for
2 Army Medical Men,
Smith & *Alexander* -
(Alexander is the only
independent man we
have & it is essential

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome, Ms 5480, correspondence with Charles E. Plowden 1868-75, 29 pages, 46 pages

5480/1 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South Street
Park Lane W
Sept 13/68

Sir

I feel much hesitation in troubling you about a matter which may seem to you like an impertinence; if Sir Bartle Frere has not written to you on the subject.

A short time ago, he wrote to me (from Bohemia) saying that he wished me to have a few copies immediately of the "Memorandum on Measures adopted for Sanitary Improvement in India up to the end of 1867." (that is, before the Blue Book of Sanitary Abstracts, of which it is to form a part, comes out -) & that he would request you to be so good as to forward them to me.

[10:46]

May I ask whether you have heard anything from him to this effect?

[end 10:46]

Pray, Sir, believe me
ever our faithful servt
C. Plowden Esq Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South Street, April 9/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Sir

I beg to return the Proofs with
which you have favoured me -
viz. p.p. 56 to 106 - (Madras & Bombay)

[10:96]

The Abstract is excellent &
represents most faithfully the facts in
the various Reports.

After working them over carefully
& with the utmost desire to criticize,
I cannot do so at all.

The spirit is very good. The same
tone runs through them which actuates
your Committee - viz. a desire to
bring out the evils boldly & carefully
with a view to remedies - and a
hopefulness which is strongly expressed
but not more so than the case
authorizes - When the whole

country is well in hand, an excellent
future is warranted by these Reports.

It would forward our knowledge very much
of the causes of disease in India, if
they would send the Death=rates of
children born in India of European
parents for various ages: -
such as under I year

1 and under 2	
2 and under 3	
3 and under 4	
4 and under 5	
5 " "	10
10 " "	15

(if there are any, poor little things!)

At page 63 the Death=rate aimed at by
the Royal Indian Commissioners for
soldiers is stated to have been 20 per 1000
This is true as a practicable Death=rate

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with existing agencies for improvement.

But the Commissioners also state that
Statistics appear to show that, when every
thing is done that can be done, the
Death-rate should be only 10 per 1000

It would be of great importance to
give the *Causes* of Invaliding.

I am glad - and I am sure that you
must be so too - that I have so little
to say on this occasion -

[end 10:96]

And I am always your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

5480/3 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private {printed address:} 35 South Street, June 15/69
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for your two notes [10:97-99]
of June 14 and 15 & their enclosures -

And then to arrange my reply to them
under the following heads as conveniently
as I can for the purpose. -

1. your own Report

Page 2 - third line from foot of page -
Does the Report of the Municipality of
Calcutta fix "1869" as the date for the
water supply? If so, would it not
be better to place the words "present year"
immediately before "1869"? to prevent
an anachronism -

Page 4

Perhaps two additions would make this passage

(about improvements) complete. viz
to insert at A the words

"into which improved drainage, cleansing & water=
supply had been introduced"

and at B the words

"the influence of these combined improvements
in lowering the death=rate especially

Wellcome Ms 5481

2. Dr. Morehead's "Sketch"

Possibly it would be better to avoid any appearance of controversy with so good a man's query: - I would suggest for your consideration whether, after having added the fact about the new nomenclature x to your own Report - and the striking proofs of the utility of good drainage & water=supply in London & other English towns, it would not be better to leave out the three M.S. foot notes at p..p. 13, 221, and 37.

Dr. Morehead's objections are those of a Medical man - [I think when I was a school boy, they used to teach us that these "are solved ~~when~~/by walking;" - as you have already proved in the body of your Report.]

x NB. In your own M.S.A, p. 2 of your Report (second half of M.S.) "Colleges of Physicians AND "Surgeons" I believe it ought to be. But please look at the title of the book. You have the book.

3. About the omissions of terms of praise: - of work done in India -

Your Committee knows the Indian feeling with regard to introducing such into official documents so very much better than I can possibly do that I should be very sorry if my opinions weighed for a moment in the scale when it differs from theirs.

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4. Capt. Tulloch's Report.

I herewith send you my copy
The state of the case appears to be this: and
something like the following might, if approved
by you, be inserted at p. 7 of "Abstract
(Municipal) Bombay" at A.

N..P. [The discussions respecting
Drainage plans for Bombay are
hence not as yet satisfactorily
concluded.

Two methods of dealing with the
question have been advocated -
one, mentioned above, for providing
sewers of large dimensions for
carrying off the tropical rainfall
of Bombay together with the
sewage of the city - the whole to be
discharged into the sea, leaving the
sewers nearly empty during the
dry season - the other, proposed
by Mr. Rawlinson & adopted by
Capt. Tulloch, R.E. who was
specially sent to England by the
Madras Government to study
the various questions regarding.

{5480/3/2}

[2]

town drainage & the utilization of sewage. This latter project provides for draining & sewerage the city by sewers & drains large enough only to convey away the sewage & for applying the sewage to agriculture at a distance from the city.

It has been objected to the first proposal that the large sewers, being left almost empty during the dry season, will become generators of foul air & tend to deteriorate the health of the city - while it is objected to the second place that there must of necessity be partial flooding of the surface during heavy rains when the tide unusually high.

It appears to be an important element in the discussion to bear in mind that town sewers & drains are primarily intended for removing the foul water of the population, & not

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which it is not
{Editor's note.}

for removing rainfall; while any attempt in such a climate as that of India to provide for rainfall (sometimes 14 inches in *even if practicable*, x must entail an enormous outlay for an occasional & temporary purpose.

It might be well in any further discussions which take place on this subject, to consider the two questions as separate problems - so that, while foul water only is removed in underground sewers, the point of surface drainage may be settled, & the proper out falls for this water into the sea provided for.

[end 10:99]

[Mr. Crawford & c & c

Something of the above might do - but it would be well not to complicate the Paragraphs too much. The fact appears to be that, in a place having 300 inches of rainfall in 3 months; the other 9 months are generally dry - & all attempt to remove the rainfall by sewers perfectly impracticable - while, in places where the rainfall is only 30 inches in 12 months, there is a little rain most days, which may be removed by sewers.

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{5480/3/3}

I am very sorry to have kept your
papers so long - but the fact is business
interruptions are my normal state
of being - & have hindered me these 3 days.
I shall be very glad to look at anything
more that you please -
Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Charles E. Plowden Esq

5480/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private 35 South Street, July 6/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Sir

I return your Proof
which I have looked through
- not with regard to literal
corrections, however, which
I have left entirely to you -
but as a whole.

[10:99]

As ~~f~~/a whole, I think it
is excellent - It steers its
way very well through the
disputed questions without
taking one side or another
And yet it will lead men
to think in India - while
affording to them much
useful help & immense

Wellcome Ms 5481

ground for hope.

It is much better than last year's - And that is saying a great deal in its favour. It is one of the best aggregations of Sanitary matter I have ever seen.

I have merely looked at the general arrangement & matter.

[end 10:99]

[To the Note at p. 173, one or two literal corrections are needed - as for 'place' read *plan* - and for 'print' substitute 'question'.]

Any papers which you are good enough at any time to wish to send me

will be forwarded to me in the country from this house.

Pray let me thank you for all your kindness which, believe me, makes me always your obliged & faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

P. 197 for 'Nitrates' read
'Nitrites'

P. 198 ditto ditto

P. 200 for 'distillation' read
'distribution' [You will

see that the Printers are sad rogues - And I am afraid that their errors will give you a good deal of trouble in comparing with the original documents.]

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/5 incomplete, signed letter, 2ff, pen

3. March 31/70

The facts in your Digest are of the
greatest interest & importance to the
Public Service - And it is eminently well
done -

[10:129]

Your Jail improvements show more
than anything else what *can* be done
in India to raise the standard of
of health -

I cannot bear to suggest an increase
in your labours. But, for a rather
obtuse British public, would it not
be advisable to make your Report
(now) not only an Abstract of other
Reports but also a Report on the
Sanitary question & progress in India?

There is a considerable amount of
interesting matter, for instance, in the
Monthly Reports 1868-9 from the 3 Presidencies
which you are so good as to send me.
And it has occurred to me to suggest
that good use might be made of these
in raising the interest of your Annual Report.

E. g. how remarkable is the experience
of the Madras Sewage Farm! [v. "Proceedings" for

October 1869 (*Mad*

[Minute 237, Page 549.]

{pen} A good digest of all these {pencil} Monthly Reports written
as you would write it, would excite
great interest in the British Lion -
who, royal beast, knows very little of
what e.g. China does in this line
of agriculture - but who ought to care
about his Indian dependencies & will
be made to care by you.

[end 10:129]

I shall be very glad to do anything in
my little power that you may wish
in looking over the farther advance of
your valuable Report.

Pray believe me

my dear Sir

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

x *Address*
 35 South Street, Aug 4/70
 Park Lane, {printed address:}
 W.

My dear Sir

I return you, with
many thanks, my Revised
Proof.

I have made one or
two slight corrections -

You seem to have done
all things well - (as usual)
And I don't know any thing
more that I have to say.

O yes: I have.

I could not but look
on that man who had
Charles C. Plowden

been my kindest friend -
as my direct enemy -
who revealed my London
address (I who am
always in hiding from
my creditors) - *especially*
in print, *especially*
at this time.

[I have carefully erased
the smallest trace of it on
the Proof, & substituted
"London".]

My creditors, my beggars,
my "candid friends" &
"all the ills an angry Heaven
can send"

Wellcome Ms 5481

(it was either Sir B. Frere's
father or Canning who
wrote that line)
their name is: Legion:
My ordinary allowance
in time of peace is: -
8 a day, each modestly
desiring an hour's hard
writing from me -
But, since this dreadful
war has darkened the
world, - and here I become
serious; for people have
a right to ask in wars,
'horrid wars,' for every
help they can get - about
9 letters a day come of
which each would require
2-4 hours' hard writing.
Don't let us talk of it -

I cannot think of the
incalculable sufferings
hanging over Europe -
such as eye has not
seen not ear heard
in our time. Only
let us do all we can
to help them.
I think your patience is
admirable about the
delays of the A.S.C.
As you ask me, I think the
impersonal ("cannot be
better concluded") reads
better than "I cannot better
conclude" *with the rest of the*
Report - ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South Street, Aug 27/70
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged [10:129-30]
to you for sending me
the Revised Copy of Your
Sanitary Report & Abstracts
- as well as a List of
the papers you propose
to constitute the Appendix
with the two Cholera Maps.

It will prove a
most valuable & exhaustive
Report worthy of the
great Empire. It is not

an easy thing to make
so complete a Report
for an Empire of
200 millions of souls.
It will undoubtedly
require a Table of Contents
& Index of reference,
since there are such
overflowing contents to
refer to -
I have not had time to
look though the whole

as I should wish. But
I cannot find anything
to suggest. And I have
read the first 20 pages
which I had not seen
before with much
interest.

I return the copy with
many thanks. I am
quite satisfied with
the addition you have
kindly made in my
paper.

[end 10:130]

Wellcome Ms 5481

Allow me to congratulate
you on the completion
of your Herculean work
for this year - & to wish
that the other Herculean
work of cleansing out
the Augean stables you
have laid bare were
as well & promptly done.

Pray believe me

my dear Sir

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil

Address 35 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Oct 10/70

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged to **[10:130]**
you for your kind note, &
for the copy of the Annual
Sanitary Blue Book {pencil} for 1870, {pen} which,
under the pressure of
more urgent work, I have
only as yet been able to
glance through.

The whole volume is
excellent - & will give a
practical direction to
Indian work, which is
the main thing.

You are so good as to ask

Wellcome Ms 5481

to whom I should like

copies to be sent: -
if it is not too much to
ask for copies to be made
up & directed at the India
Office, would you send
one to each of the following:

1. Dr. Hewlett
Bombay
2. Dr. Norman Chevers
Calcutta
3. Dr. Cunningham
with the Govt of India
4. Dr. Pattison Walker
somewhere in the N.W.Pr.
(he was at Chukrata)
5. Lord Lawrence
26 Queen's Gate W.
6. Dr. Farr
General Register Office
Somerset House
7. Lord Houghton
Frystone Hall
~~Pontefract~~ Ferrybridge
8. Revd
the Master of Balliol
Oxford
9. Sir Harry Verney Bt. M.P.
32 South Street
Park Lane W
10. Monsieur Mohl
35 South Street
Park Lane W
11. W.E. Nightingale Esq
Lea Hurst
Matlock
12. R.G. Whitfield Esq
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington S.E.

Wellcome Ms 5481

15. C.H. Bracebridge Esq
Atherstone
13. W. Shore Smith Esq
3 Park Place
Grosvenor Road
S.W.
14. Hy Bonham Carter Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park W.

and 6 copies to me, if you
will be so good (F.N.)

35 South Street
Park Lane W.

Do not suppose that I have
the audacity to desire
that all this trouble
should be taken - tho' I
think the copies would be
well bestowed.

If it is too much to ask

{5480/8/2} [2]

the I.O. to direct them,
please send all the 20/1
copies to me - And I will
do so -

Also: I have no doubt that
to some of the first in my
List - the I.O. sends
copies of its own free will.
I do not think however
that a duplicate copy
would be wasted on them.
The Indians especially
complain that, unless copies
are sent to them direct (by
mail) privately, they do
not receive I.O. Blue
Books for 6 months or more.
But this is a matter for the
indulgence of the I. O. to
determine. I will gladly

Wellcome Ms 5481

do it, if sent to me.

Pray excuse a hurried
note which a rational
being could have made
shorter. But I am grinding,
grinding, grinding at this
awful war - trying to do a
little bit of good where
no good can be -

[end 10:130]

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

{pencil}

If the I. O. prefers the
course of sending me the
21 copies, would you be so
very kind as to send me
back this List, that I
may remember *my own*
friends - (*not very friendly,*
you will say -)

F.N.

5480/9 incomplete, unsigned note, 1f, pen

{in another hand} (Oct 14th 1871. Miss F. Nightingale)
I have just glanced through
your Blue Book. It seems
to me the best of any I have
yet seen - which is saying
a great deal. I shall
read it carefully -

[10:130]

[end 10:130]

to Miss N."!! [I am thankful
for this anyhow, as I had
rather have any small Surgical
operation any day than the
trouble of writing to the "Lancet"
or any newspapers.]

Excuse a hurried note

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/10 signed letter, 1f, pen

Embley

Romsey
(Hampshire) 35 South Street, July 10/72
Park Lane, {printed address, stroked out:}
W.

My dear Sir

If you think I can be of **[10:130]**
any use in looking at your
Proofs (Annual Sanitary
Blue Book Abstracts)
I shall be most happy - &
therefore send my present
address to save time altho' **[end 10:130]**
any thing which you may be
good enough to send to me
in London will be forwarded
to yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/11 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South St. Park Lane W.
Oct. 1/72

My dear Sir

I am come back here,
like a bad penny -
And any communication
which you are so good
as to address to me here
will find
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/12 signed letter & memorandum, 7ff, pencil & pen

35 South St. W.
5480/12/1 {pencil} Oct. 11/72
My dear Sir

I have according to your **[10:131]**
behest, & only because of
your behest - [you who
have done so much for
India ought to command]

written a few words - for -
(But then you must say
that you *asked* me - in -)
your Report -

You are quite at liberty
to burn, as it deserves - omit,
or alter, as you please -

But I do not think it
Charles C. Plowden Esq

worth putting in at all -
If not too late, the words
"for distribution" should
be put in - pencil foot-note -
p. 45

[end 10:131]

in haste
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

{5480/12/1} {pen} [?]

Two years ago the privilege was given me of making a few Observations on Indian Sanitary progress. Since that time an immense number of Reports of current work having passed thro' my hands, I have been asked {pencil} now {pen} to give my small opinion

What is most striking in those documents is: the strong & living interest taken by the authorities in India & their Officers in improving the people's sanitary condition, as well as the practical character, increasing happily year by year, of the work done - Things are very different indeed now from the "Died by the invitation of heaven" days, from "Cholera the inevitable scourge" doctrine, "inscrutable judgments from on high", these being Fever & the like - A holier worship & a better understanding of the laws of the Most High have taken the place of this jargon -

{pencil} Omit If this would be offensive in India where there is so much Fetish worship

- which jargon was in fact little better than the astounding spectacle we see now in a neighbouring nation of crowds of devotees - & many of them

Wellcome Ms 5481

public men - going on pilgrimages by
rail (rail the usual concomitant of
civilization) to a "Virgin" Fetish,
actually condemned as an imposture
by the very tribunals of the country
& by the educated opinion of its own
Church & co-religionists -
Are not the old helpless days of the "old Indians"
(in *Sanitary* things of "untutored mind")
~~are~~ nearly gone? and has not the great
discovery ~~has~~ been made in India
that the diseases of which so many
of these "poor Indians" had alas!
died are largely mitigable or entirely
preventable? - Indeed has not
Dr. Fayrer shown that even infant
life in India is by no means the
frail plant supposed if only reared
in due conformity with the laws
of the Supreme Being? - "The very
"small mortality", he says, "as well as
"the small amount of sickness, proves
"that the European child under proper
"hygiene conditions & careful physical
"training may live & thrive in the
"plains of Bengal almost as well as
in its native country". And ~~does~~ he is
even able to

Wellcome Ms 5481

~~not~~ add "It is not merely in the
"absence of any serious disease, & in
"the low Death-rate, that this is manifested,
"but in the vigorous healthy appearance
"of the children generally" -

Now children are, as is well known,
the very touchstone, the live tests
of Sanitary conditions or sadly
but too often the dying & dear tests
of Sanitary conditions

What good hope for the future here!
Altho' a little unnecessary theory still
crops up now & then in the strata
of Indian Reports, is there not growing
- and most vigorously - evidence
that the enormous Indian problems
are being dealt with on their practical
side? as has already been done
in the Home Army & among the
home Civil population. Do not some of
the results now obtained - & eminently
so at Calcutta, at Bombay, & in many
villages - show that many causes of
ill-health are as easily removeable
in India as elsewhere? - It is true
that Sanitary works & measures for
India must generally be somewhat
bigger than elsewhere.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Last year (1871) the Death-rate among British troops serving in India was only $17\frac{1}{3}$ per 1000: but there was little Cholera -

Alas! there is one great exception to progress:

- need it be said that it is the Burdwan

fever? - the causes of which are

well known but remain unremoved

while the people are dying off by

hundreds - as in former times, so

in these. Here is a case indeed

in which it would be well worth

while to try even an experiment

in removing a Disease cause -

[tho' *experiment* it would not be.]

The Bengal Government has done

all in its power to alleviate -

with but very partial success -

the sufferings of the people - The

one thing *not* done has been to remove

the Fever=cause - by improving the

natural drainage of the country, by

supplying good water, & the like

needful measures.

{archivist: [Oct 11 1872]}

Wellcome Ms 5481

2 {5480/12/3} [2]

What appears now ~~to be~~ most required in all these Indian Reports is an Annual Summary of works *carried out*. The absence of this information might give a most imperfect idea of what has been done: - indeed an impression that, because no "progress" is reported, there has been no "progress" to report.

Taking these Annual documents as a whole, there can be no two opinions as to their great value - & when compared with Sanitary Reports, in which scientific considerations have not seldom - it may indeed be said unintentionally - taken precedence of Saving of life - this value is a splendid gain.

May the end, without too much impertinence, be of this little homily - the repeating as emphatically as possible that in this matter of improving Public Health ~~th~~ as in so many others, larger but ~~not so~~ none weightier, the Government of India is well served by its Officers - And

there can be no shadow of a doubt that this, joined with the increasing interest taken by the Native Population in that subject of paramount importance to their lives - an interest which is indeed only a revisal - for there was a time when the Oriental was far away ahead of the Saxon in sanitary as in metaphysical things - there can, we need not say, be no doubt that these ~~enge~~ motive powers will before long shew their results in the abatement of disease all over the country.

{pencil} Florence Nightingale
London Oct 11 1872

Wellcome Ms 5481

{5480/13 not FN}

5480/14 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

xxx 35 South St. Jan 22/73

Park Lane W.

My dear Sir

I am quite ashamed
of myself that I have been
so busy & so ill that I
have not sooner acknowledged
your kind note & the
Annual Sanitary Blue Book.

[10:131]

Only last night was
I able to look it through.

It is quite worthy &
indeed more than worthy
I think of your former
productions.

Would that 'promotion'
in the Courts of Government
here below always went

with well-earned success
& good work done!
But if the saving of
millions of lives in the
future is any
compensation, that is
yours.

[end 10:131]

In answer to your kind question,
if you would send me
6 copies, I would send
them at once to men in
India -

I will think of names in
England.

It occurs to me that if
you would be so good

Wellcome Ms 5481

as to send a copy to
Wm. Rathbone M.P.
Liverpool
it would be well placed -
Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/15 signed letter, 7ff, pencil [8:

35 South St. May 31/73
Park Lane W.

My dear Sir

Tho' I cannot say that I
am not a good deal the worse,
yet I am 'clothed and in
my right mind' -

[Or it would be perhaps
more correct to say: 'clothed
but not 'in my right mind.']

Your 4 Abstracts which
you were so good as to send
me appear to be as
valuable & as admirably done
as usual which is saying
Charles C. Plowden Esq

[10:131]

a great deal.

They are in fact too well
done For unfortunately
a Master of Précis=writing
has to abstract all the errors
as well as the truths - and
so to give the official sanction
of your Mighty Nod to the
former -

E.g. in Dr. *Hewlett's Bombay
Report*, do you not object
(not only to his comparison
of his outlay with that
of Liverpool but also)
to the Liverpool outlay itself -

Wellcome Ms 5481

p. 6 top of page -
Is not the real point that
great outlay has been
incurred which might
have been avoided in great
part by proper Engineering
work?

2. *Madras Abstract*

p. 2 middle of page
It is quoted from Mr. Cornish
that Typhoid Fever was
imported from Ireland
into Cannanore -
Is this not a mere figment
of Mr. Cornish's imagination?

{5480/15/2} [2]
(in a Report being printed)
that Typhoid at Cannanore
Is a local product -
& that the Rajah of Cannanore
- may his shadow soon be less! -
is the chief manufacturer of it? -
It would do my health good
if you could put a Foot-note
to this Paragraph to this effect:
*'This statement rests on the
opinion of Dr. Cornish
but subsequent enquiry has
not substantiated it' -

3. *Same Report*

p. 37 fourth Para. from top
"Contagion of Cholera "conveyed"
to men all at one "time" -
Is this not all fudge?
Is there any proof whatever
of this? or indeed of the
existence of this "Contagion"?
would you not take this
expression out? -

[end 10:131]

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

N.B.

I have heard from Sir Bartle
Frere - & rejoice, with you,
that we shall soon have
him at home again -
For my part however
 (but then you know I am
 not in my 'right mind')
I had a good deal rather
 fight against Slave-Traders,
- & I think him of Zanzibar
 & certainly him of Muscat,
a good deal easier nut to crack,
 than Govt. official authorities of -
- well, - a country in pre-historic times -

2nd N.B. They of the Army Sany Commn

have a good many papers to
 send you - WHEN READY -
What pilgrimage shall we
 perform that they *may* be
'ready' before the next Total
Solar Eclipse in 1999?

F.N.

{5480/15/3}

[4]

I have to ask you a question
 Mr. Acland M.P. who is
 going to bring in a Bill
[you probably know its contents]
asks: "whether Miss Hopkins
"is opposed to making general
"in our towns the *power of search*
"of bad houses, provided
"that Civilians are in
"co=operation with the Police"

Wellcome Ms 5481

Many thanks for your
leaflet about the Brighton
"Registry Office " &c for "young
"Servants". It is a blessed
work.

This is one great engine for
preventing sin, if only all the
poor Girls who work with
their hands, who are in trades {illeg class?}}
could have such help -

there is a Society whose
main object it is to enable
women who work to gain
the highest wage that the
market will give them - It
is called the "*Women's Protective*

[8:70]

& *Provident League*" - Its
chief champion was a Mrs.
Paterson, the wife of a
cabinet-maker. She has
lately died of this & other
hard work - - It is an obscure
little Society, numbering
only a few hundred women
belonging to various trades.
This makes it all the more
remarkable that it should
have lived for 11 years a
hard but healthy life on
what has practically been
its own independence & the
sympathy of a few friends
who have shared in its work

Wellcome Ms 5481

The funds of the various Sections of this Society have been created out of the weekly two pences of its members, invested in Savings' Banks & utilized when the members are sick or out of work - We want to extend it to a

Labour Registry Office where any woman can have indicated to her where she could get work & the value of it - Where both employers & employées might have a House of Call - the employers

{5480/15/4} [5]

to find the hands, & the employées to find the ~~hands~~ work, & the money which we do not wish should ever come without it to a healthy working woman .
2. to extend it to be a Fund where any woman may by paying in, receive weekly allowance in time of sickness - a Fund which, strange to say, does not exist for *women* in this England of ours -

I enclose a circular - But, should a Public Meeting be held, the objects will be explained much more

fully I hope it has
your blessing.

I did not mean to have written at such length -
God bless you & your great
work

ever yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/16 signed letter, 2ff. pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W.

June 19/73

My dear Sir

I am afraid that you will
think that I have not been
busy over your work -

But this is not the case -
It is the excellence of your
work that gives no
room for remark -

So far as we can see,
your Abstract "*of the 8th*
Annual Report of *Sany Commisser*
with Govt. of India"
gives the facts with
Charles C. Plowden

[10:131]

your usual economy & fulness -
& masterly power of abstracting -
Our Sanitary commission's
Remarks are in the hands
of the Copyist - and are
limited to the practical
results -

And I hope that you will
find that you will
elucidate each other,
when printed in the same
Blue Book -

[end 10:131]

Are you engrossed with Sir
Bartle Frere?

or withe the Shah, ow
owned by M. Renter?
[It is as if Pickford were
to own the Pope -]
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/17 signed letter, 2ff. pencil

I.O. Sanitary Blue Book } Address 35 South St.
Draft enclosed } Park Lane W.
Charles C. Plowden Esq } London
Sept. 16/73

My dear Sir

This is a capital Digest: & will do much good [10:131-32]

We have gone carefully over it: and I hereby return it. We have no suggestions to make: because it is perfect.

Do you know Sir A. Power's "Sanitary Rhymes"? Do you not wish that he would set up in rhyme all that discussion about Quarantine at page 25? He might have

it sung to a comic tune in the streets of Constantinople in perpetual memorial of the labours of the Cholera conference - Does it not put one in mind ~~{illeg}~~ of what takes place in America when a number of sportsmen fire at the same game, & find at last that they have only shot a skunk?

Might it be suggested to you that in all passages where the word "Contagion", or "Contagious" discussions come in, the I.O. should use some expression which will show that they take neither one side nor another, but hold only a judicial position?

"Contagion" is the witch craft, & "Contagionists" are the witch-finders of the 19th century: are they not? Can we argue about witch-craft?

All the I.O. can do is not to support the delusion.

I am very glad that you are going to have a holiday in Scotland - The Gold Coast is salubrious compared to the I.O. & W.O. -.

And with renewed congratulations on your very able Draft, believe me yours sincerely my dear Sir [end 10:132]
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/18 signed letter, 1f. pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 19/73

My dear Sir & constant help in time of need
Gulliver & Lt.Governor of Bengal has asked
me to see the enclosed gentlemen - Col: Haig -

And I can't so much as learn his arrival
- much less his whereabouts -

Do not trouble yourself if you know neither
- I will try the Agencies: if you will return my note,
to ever yours sincerely
C.C. Plowden Esq
Florence Nightingale

5480/19 signed letter, 4ff. pencil

{5480/19/1} 35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Feb 25/74

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged **[10:132]**
for your kind note & for
the copy of your Annual
Sanitary Report for 1873

I have just had time
to look thro' the Report
to see how it shines in
its Dress coat: having
read it all in dishabille
before its toilet was made

It is exceedingly good
Charles C. Plowden Esq

Wellcome Ms 5481

as usual.

You are so good as to offer
me copies -

I conclude that all our
own people

& Dr. Acland: of Oxford
will receive them -

& Edwin Chadwick Esq CB
Park Cottage
East Sheen
Mortlake
S.W.

Dr. Hewlett

of Bombay
started this morning via
Brindisi for Bombay -

Dr. Cunningham is I believe
still in England -

So is Mr. Clark
late Municipality Engineer
for Calcutta

These should have copies
of course

I think I will ask you
kindly to send me
6 copies.

When Ministers have a little
settled down, I think I
will send 1 copy privately
to Lord Derby, who first gave
me my India R. Sanitary
Commission & then was its

Wellcome Ms 5481

President: to recall the
past to him compared
with what you have now
made it:

& another to Mr. Hardy -
to show him how to protect
troops -

—————
Would you send a copy to
my brother-in-law
Sir Harry Verney Bt
32 South St
Park Lane W

————— also: to
the Revd Mr. Jowett
Balliol College
Oxford

{5480/19/2} [2]
I will send any copies
by overland mail
to people in India
who would not otherwise
get their copies so soon.

————— I thank you for your kind
sympathy - I have lost
in the last month 2 homes:
my dear Father, & Mrs.
Bracebridge who went
with me to the Crimean
War: And Dr. Livingstone's
death & that of my dear
old friend M Quetelet,

of Brussels, the Founder
of us all, pain me
sorely -
Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

Would you also send a
copy, please, to
Mrs. Harriet Martineau
Ambleside -
F.N.

[end 10:132]

5480/20 signed letter, 2ff. pencil

Embley Park
Romsey
(Hampshire)
April 13/14/74

My dear Sir

I had come down here,
after my dear Father's death,
to nurse my poor Mother, -
whom we have to remove from
her home of 56 years -

And your kind letter of
April 7 was forwarded to me
here -

I can see no objection to
your re-printing my little
pamphlet: "How some people
Charles C. Plowden Esq

[10:133]

"have lived & not died in
India" - if you wish it,
in your this year's Sanitary
Blue Book - with which
I wish you all your usual
success: & trust that you
do not mean to threaten me
with any changes in the
I.O. which would affect
our great advantages in
having you for the most
important Sanitary work -

Wellcome Ms 5481

I have 'placed ' all my
copies, even my own marked
one, of your last year's
Sanitary Blue Book - very
profitably, I think: including
one to Lord Derby, & one
to Lord Pembroke, the new
young under Secretary at the
W.O. [Sidney Herbert's son]

And I think I will ask
you to be kind enough to
send me a copy now for myself.

[end 10:133]

Have you observed that
at p.4, first Para: [I
have no copy to refer to] a

decimal point (before 2
figures) is omitted -
I however inserted this in all
the copies I gave away.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/21 signed letter & envelope, 2ff. pencil

postmarked: London 3 M{illeg}
{5480/21/1} 35 South St.
Park Lane W.
May 7/74

My Dear Sir

I am so truly sorry that
you have not obtained that
position at the I.O., which
your work so well deserved,
that I think I am almost
more sorry than you are
yourself -

[10:133]

But I hope better things.
Pray do not "regret"
having written your "last
letter" but one -

Be sure that I have
Charles C. Plowden Esq

always spoken & always
shall speak to those
whom it may concern
of the high value of your
work: & tho' I do not
expect much from my
poor efforts, yet I
think the work itself
must find its level -
high as that is -
I don't know what we shall
do it we have not you
for the Annual Report -
I grieve to hear of such serious
illness: tho' I trust it is
not hopeless - There is but

{written vertically} one Father & one Mother to each of us:
other ties may be replaced, "but a Mother
I'll never see mair" -

[end 10:133]

Yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

{5480/21/2} {archivist: xxxx See June 22? /73}

Charles C. Plowden Esq
Chiselhurst

7/5/74

5480/22 signed letter, 2ff. pen

Blue Book: Sanitary }
for 1874 }

Lea Hurst
Matlock

Oct 3/74

My dear Sir

Your kind letter & Abstracts were forwarded [10:133-34]
to me down here: & I have set to work on
them at once.

I hope to cause you no delay, so that you
may have the Blue Book "off your hands" by
"the end of the month"

I am sorry to hear the reason which
sends you abroad. But I earnestly hope that
the remedy may completely restore your valuable
health.

2. I send you, according to your desire, a copy
of my pamphlet: "How some people have
lived & not died in India".

I forget what was my reason for thinking the
"Irrigation" addition had better not go into
your Blue Book. As I have forgotten it, I
presume it was not a very valid one.

But there may be an objection to inserting *any*
of it now: after a notice which appeared
of it in the "Times", Harrisons, the War Office publishers
published it. I do not know whether this
constitutes an objection. If you do not feel
clear about it, would you kindly ask
Sir Bartle Frere; and I will ask
some official authority at my rival Blue Book
Work-Shop, the War Office

If you & they say yes, I will try to write a few
words of introduction, as you wish.

[But I am at this moment lost in Zemindars
& "Illegal Cesses," at Sir G. Campbell's desire] -
I am so glad that even the Blue Book is still in your
able hands that it somewhat (not much) abates
my mourning that the work does not, as before, all pass
through your hands -

I was very sorry to hear of your loss: all
other losses may be replaced but the loss of parents

Wellcome Ms 5481

seems to carry with it half one's life, at
whatever age one is.

[end

10:134]

I have brought my poor mother down here, so late
in the year, because of her intense desire to see
again 'once more' her 'home ' of 56 years.

This has been a most sorrowful year: & my health
(you kindly ask) is as bad as it can be: but
not too bad to fire away about India.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq
63 P.

5480/23 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Sanitary Blue Book
for 1874

Lea Hurst
Matlock

Oct. 8/74

My dear Sir

Anent your desire to insert my pamphlet
into your forth coming Sanitary Vol:,
my W.O. Mogul says that there is 'no objection'
to its 'going on', Irrigation & all, if you wish it
& that its having been published makes no
difference.

[10:134-35]

The place for it which you propose
"at the end of the Report" is a very good place
And I will try to write a few words of introductory

Wellcome Ms 5481

Matter, as you propose -

2. But I am sorry to say that I have a thing
of quite other importance to say:

Mema. on the Madras & Bombay Reports for 1873, and
on 4 others, 6 in all, (which came to the Army
Sanitary Commission about a month ago),
are all ready, & have passed the Sub=
Committee. They have to circulate among the
other members: & then to go formally before
a Meeting: which will be ~~done~~/called immediately

Our men ~~They~~ describe these Mema. as of the utmost
importance"; as contradicting "certain false principles":
& they attach the greatest value to your
noticing them in your Report. These Mema.
go far to settle the question of Indian fevers:
& should certainly be printed with the other
Mema. of this year. They partly accept
certain Indian statements about the
prevalence of fevers: & suggest enquiry.
The new ones contain the results: & shew
some Statistics to have been untrustworthy. **[end 10:135]**

The Army S.C. even beg you to ~~stay~~/"keep back"
your Report ~~for them~~ "until" you "have dealt with all
this year's matter".

It is of course quite out of the question

Wellcome Ms 5481

that your journey abroad - unhappily, for health - should be delayed, even were we willing to delay it, for this:

I can only tell you, as I am directly what these Mema. are.

I am glad that Dr. Cunningham's Abstract goes in full into the Appendix. The Army minute explains it: & uses all the Dr. C. has omitted.

Pray believe me, my dear Sir
ever yours sincerely

Charles C. Plowden Esq Florence Nightingale

5480/24 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst
Matlock

Oct. 13/74

My dear Sir

Only a few lines to-day to answer yours:
I have written the substance of what you say to Dr. Sutherland of the Army San'y. Comm:
I need not say that I urge, above all things that no temptation shall be put in the way of your kindness to remain any part of November in London: I am too sorry for the occasion which sends you to winter abroad

I have also said to Dr. Sutherland that it would be best under the circumstances for you to be in direct communication with him or Mr. Frederick: to save time. [I am afraid that our dear old friend, Sir Ranald Martin, from his other avocations & want of time, does not know ~~much~~ enough of the business of the Commission]

I hope to write to you tomorrow

& am ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

It grieves me deeply to hear you say that this may be your last Sanitary Blue Book. May it be quite otherwise for the work's sake!

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/25 signed letter, ff, pen

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Oct. 14/74

My dear Sir

You will think that I have taken
a long while merely to say
that the Abstracts show
workmanship as superior as usual.

But it takes longer to see
that no holes are to be picked
than to pick holes.

I enclose my short memo. which has
nothing in it: you have given me
nothing to say.

As I wrote yesterday, I will not trouble
you with anything more till I
have your further work
except to beg you to believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

5480/26 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Oct. 16/74

My dear Sir

In case you have not already heard yourself
from the Army Sany. Comm., that is , from Dr.
Sutherland or Mr. Frederick, you may perhaps
like to hear the answer they make to me:

that on no account would they be the means of
even indirectly helping to detain you:

[Of course not. F.N.]

that they are very sorry on your account & also
on account of the loss the cause will sustain

Wellcome Ms 5481

for your temporary withdrawal & its reason:

Dr. Sutherland says that, although their Memda. tell the tale [their remarks were called for by certain statements in Reports sent to them:

-these are 5 in number: Bombay 1873: Madras 1873: Madras fever Statistics: Oude fever (an enquiry suggested by them:) Berar 1873: he thinks it would scarcely be fair to put these in without the Abstract Reports:

that he almost thinks that the whole had therefore better stand over for the present that it ought to be out of the question for you to wait.

Mr. Frederick will be only too glad to correct all the Proofs of any of their Memda. that you put in.

in great haste

pray believe me

(I am glad that I have not to say farewell yet)

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq

5480/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Matlock

Oct. 25/74

My dear Sir

I feel sure that nothing can be better than these proofs: India, Madras, Bombay.

They might, of course, be made much longer. But I think that they are better as they are. And nothing essential has been omitted -

You see by the note enclosed how little we have found of required corrections in the Proofs.

[There appear to be some press errors which we have not dealt with.]

We think the matter admirable: & admirably condensed.

Wellcome Ms 5481

I cannot see that there is anything unbecoming in your notice of the change of Office, And what is more to the purpose our Commission do not.

If Lord Salisbury had only altered the word "Sanitary" to the good old "Public Health", I should not have minded.

I will return you the proof of my own paper & your prefix to it to-morrow.

I cannot bear to think that this is 'good bye'.

yours ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

5480/28 signed letter, 1f, pen

Revise of my paper in 35 } South St.
your Annual Sanitary B.B. } Park Lane W.
Nov 13/74

My dear Sir

I return you my Revise in your Blue Book.

[10:135]

I have returned to London.

I could almost wish to hear that you were gone: (since you had to go: which we so much regret:) as November is here with all its darkness -

[end 10:135]

God bless you" & speed you:

yours ever sincerely

C.C. Plowden Esq. Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5480/29 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Address

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

July 26/75

My dear Sir

How little there is to be said: for matters seem to me at the I.O. to be all in the "Land of Promise".

[10:135]

And how little I can say how exceedingly sorry I am that you should be obliged to leave the I.O.: and for such a cause.

We shall be for ever grateful to you

for your invaluable aid at the initiation of the Sanitary work; your aid which we shall, I know, always miss. and we hope, more than we expect that the work may make progress under your Successor -

My health is not better (you kindly ask:)

rather worse. But I have had many troubles and a heavy charge in my Father's death: and my strength is not improved by seeing many public matters, for which I would have given my life - as I think, retrograding.

I will certainly claim your kind permission to write: & not, I hope, to write murmurs: but sorry I am not to be writing to you at the I.O.

And I am ever, my dear Sir,

[end 10:135]

yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Charles C. Plowden Esq.

Wellcome Ms 5481

Wellcome Ms 5481, correspondence with Annie Stocks, 4 letters 1887-95,
4 pages

5481/1 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen
postmarked: LONDON X OC 11 87

{5481/1} {pencil}

Oct 11/87

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

Dear Miss Stocks

I have been making
some more enquiries in order
to answer your question
more fully.

[10:785]

The person to whom you
ought to make a written
application , if you are
thinking of the Indian (Army)
Nursing Sisters & to join the
proposed Staff, is
Surg Genl Payne
37 Courtfield Gardens
S.W.

No preliminaries are
settled

At the same time, none
will be taken who have
not been at least two
years in Nursing Service
after their year of probation
is completed. I believe
yours will not be till
April next.

If you ask me candidly
to say whether I should
recommend you to persevere

Wellcome Ms 5481

in trying to join any
future Staff that may
be sent out, I should *not*.
I have always been sorry
that I could not have
the pleasure of making
your acquaintance
before you left us -

[end 10:785]

And with my best
wishes, pray believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Excuse pencil

{5481/1/2}{pen}

Miss Stocks
Nurses' Home
Dover St.
Liverpool

11/10/87

5481/2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen

{pencil}

10 South St Park Lane. W.

May 26/92

Dear Miss Stocks

I should be sorry indeed
if you were passing thro'
London & kindly wished to
see me, & I did not see
you -

Would 5.15 on "Tuesday"
afternoon suit you?

I am always occupied
beyond my strength, & I am
sure your kindness will
excuse my short note
& believe me

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5481

5481/4 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen
postmarked LO{illeg}36 & ST HELEN B MR 14 95

March 13/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Stocks

If it is on your own
business that you are
coming to London for
"next Monday & Tuesday"
it will give me great
pleasure to see you,
as you so kindly propose,
at 4.30 on Monday,
if that will suit you.

But I did not
understand that you
were not going to
"America" till the "end

"of May" - I thought
you were going almost
directly; that made me
say "in a few days" .
If therefore it would
be more convenient
to you to come later,
it would be equally
so, if not more so,
to me.

But I would not miss
seeing you for the
world - & if you are
coming to London at
all events on Monday,

we will say Monday
at 4, please, if that
suits you.

ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

{5481/4/2} {in other hand, pencil: Florence Nightingale's letters to
Annie}

Miss Stocks
Cottage Hospital
St. Helen's

Wellcome Ms 5481

13/3/95

Lancashire

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome manuscripts, other than Claydon House copies

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

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

30 Old Burlington St.

Thursday.

[15:370]

My dear Sir

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

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

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

of the Operative Surgery course.

[end]

Believe me

yours very faithfully

F. Nightingale

Please return me Dr. Sutherland's letter -

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5471/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} 57543

30 Old Burlington St.

W Oct 27/58

My dear Sir

Remembering how

[15:379-

80]

much you have done
& how much you
may still do for
the Army, I cannot
but send you a
copy of my Report
to the War Office -

It is *really*
"Confidential" & in
no sense public
property - And I

am sure you will
keep it so, & not
do, as so many
people do, who,
finding some one
else knows a secret
they know, immediately
conclude it is no
secret & ~~to~~ make
it public -

You will see
much of your own
work in a part
not strictly under
my Instructions at

all - viz. the part
about a Medical
School for the Army.

We have never
let that drop & hope
still to bring it
about - In fact, it is
at this moment
"under consideration"
by the Govt=. Heaven
knows how long that
will be!

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 15:370]

Wellcome Ms 5483

Dr Aitken

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5471/3/ unsigned letter, 5ff, pen 67554

30 Old Burlington St
W June 8/59

[16:533]

My dear Sir

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

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

between the windows.

In the plan, the
Patients cannot read
in bed, without straining
their eyes (and Scotch
patients read much
more than English ones)
If the windows are
along both sides the ward,
~~opposite the foot of~~
~~the beds,~~ as they
ought to be, the
light is then always just
opposite the Patient's
eyes - which, however

important light is to
recovery, is by no
means always desirable.

Again, the irritability
peculiar to many
diseases makes it
distressing to the
Patient to have
any noise behind
him which he
Cannot SEE - A Patient
dying or coughing
or who required much
fidgetting attendance

{'Patient' is overtop Patients}

Wellcome Ms 5483

would make the
bed, back to back
with him, almost
uninhabitable - Noise
which a Patient
cannot see (!) always
partakes with him
of the characters of
suddenness & injures
him - This is,
believe me, the fruit
of long experience
with the sick.

Again, I think

5471/3/2 67354

[2]

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

The Forms for the
eight heads mentioned
in the Note to P. 2
of my "Notes", are
under process of
preparation by ~~the~~
P Dr. Farr - And
we hope to try them
quietly at our
London Hospitals
& to propose them
at the next European
Statistical Congress,
which will take
place in London

Wellcome Ms 5483

The heart= breaking
delays which have
taken place about
our Army Medl= School
are but too well
known to you - I have
however by no means
lost heart- At the
end of this week
we shall know how
Ministers stand
politically - And
whichever way it
goes, I think we
shall carry the School.

[15:371]

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

[end 15:371]

Will you allow me
to enclose a copy of
the "Notes" for your
friends, Dr. McGhie;
there is a misprint
at P. 30 , which I

5671/3/3
have corrected in
this copy - Please
to look at it.

I enclose for your
own private eyes
a little Pamphlet
I wrote on Nursing,
(which is really
"confidential,") -- perhaps
the article *Noise*
will illustrate what
I have said about
Patients -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5471/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67358

Montagu Grove
Hampstead NW
Sept 21/59

[16:522]

My dear Sir

I have to thank you
very much for a copy
of Dr. Lyon's Report on
the Yellow Fever of Lisbon.

It seems to me very
well done - But I had
wished the Govt= to
send out an Engineer
to that unfortunate city.
Now, all Dr. Lyons has

told us is (not how it
can be prevented but)
what it has done,
which he has told
very well -

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

[end]

[16:361]

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

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

The buildings (temporary)
are actually begun
at Chatham - And
we sent the proof of
the Scheme to press
last week. Mr. Herbert
is really engaged in
it. And I do not
despair, though I

Wellcome Ms 5483

dare say you do, of
seeing it actually
~~begin~~ on foot next
January - & the Professors
appointed very soon -

[end 16:361]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

F.N.

Wellcome 5471/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St.
London W
Oct 21/59

My dear Sir

The only thing of importance
to tell you is that Mr.
Herbert told me last
Sunday that he meant
to speak to you this
week about the Army
Medical School - If
you have not heard ~~of~~
from him, it is because
they have been having

Cabinets nearly every
day this week: and
today Mr. Herbert
is gone to Hythe on
an Inspection Tour
till Sunday.

I informed Sir
Jas: Clark of Mr.
Herbert's intention.
And you may have
heard from Sir Jas:

I do not at all
recommend that

Wellcome Ms 5483

your Berlin visit be
put off. I only think
you ought to be informed
of what is going on -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Monday

My dear Sir

Mr. Herbert was
speaking frankly to me
about the Medical
School last night -
so I asked him frankly
about the deferring
of your journey to
Berlin. He said that
he was obliged to
leave London to= night* {'night' overtop day}
& should not be
*he only came back to London
yesterday morning

back here till this
day week -- that it
would answer all
purposes equally
well for him to see
you when you
returned - & he
thought it would
be a needless delay
for you to put off
your journey in order
to see him - He said he
was so busy today that he could do
nothing but the current business -

I consider the
whole thing as quite

Wellcome Ms 5483

safe now. Mr. Herbert
is pledged to it - And
the Ministers are in
no danger of being
turned out for
many months -

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

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St

W. July 2/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376]

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

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

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

3. he does not
think it probable
that the School
will be removed

Wellcome Ms 5483

from Chatham
for some years at
least
4. he thinks it
will be easy to
enlarge the Museum
next year -
5. the state of
the Museum - No
one can be surprised
at what you say
of it. I believe
there is no Catalogue,
no Lists of objects

wanting, for which
duplicates might
be exchanged, or
the objects wanting
procured by the
different branches
of the Service -
But you will
remedy all this -
And it was quite
time that a
remedy should be
brought -

I imagine you
will be able to

5471/7/2
pack the things not
needed for the
School into small
compass, & to keep
out those which
are needed.

Please keep me
au courant of the
way the repairs & {'the repairs' overtop illeg}
fittings progress.
It is all I am
fit for now. And
I hope by Sept 1.
you will be in
working order -

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5483

II. About the "N. fund" affairs, I will write more at length.

I think your suggestions very good- But, at present, whatever Nurses would learn at the Children's Hospital, would have to be unlearnt -- the Nursing is so bad. 200 cases

are the annual average of admissions at St. Thomas's of children under 10. And I believe the variety, especially of Surgical cases, among children, which Nurses would see at St. Thomas's, actually larger than at the Children's.

I know nothing

about the Nursing at the Samaritan Hospital but I had fancied that at Soho Sq. better.

The Superannuation Fund I hope will be added in time.

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

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{vert in left marg:}

We do not at all intend to confine ourselves to one Hospital. This is only a tentative experiment.

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5471/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St W
July 12/60

My dear Sir

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

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

Your fitments,
your repairs are

progressing.

Mr. Herbert has
taken a note about
enlarging the
Museum ~~this ye~~
next year - In the mean time, you
are to receive a proposition
about a Casemate. With regard to
the most important
thing, the procuring
you assistance,
which every one
will perceive to
be necessary, what

I believe will be
advised will be
for you to make
the application
through the Senate.

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

Sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

[15:376]

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

30 Old Burlington St
W July 13/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:376-77]

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

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

be the fit person.

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

5471/9/2

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

This would have

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

The requisition for the casemate fittings would have to go through

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

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

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

5471/9/3

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

I will press ~~the~~ immediately

Wellcome Ms 5483

~~illeg illeg~~

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

5471/9/4

Private

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

He consented &
made a note of it.

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

I told him that
he would receive
formal applications

from the Senate
for these two
things - in time.

F.N.

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

[end 15:377]

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5471/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

W July 18/60

My dear Sir

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

[15:379]

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

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

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

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

Would you not
2. propose that the

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sanction of the S. of S.
for War be obtained
for a skilled
workman to do the
Modelling, putting
up preparations &c
at a salary of ---
& that, until the
necessary forms are
gone through, sanction
for a two months'
employment of such
a workman be
obtained.

[end 15:379]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67362

30 Old Burlington St
W. Aug 5/60

My dear Sir

I had the
opportunity of
speaking to (or
rather "poking")
Mr. Herbert to day
about the points
of your letter -

[15:380-81]

He wrote on the
spot about the

Instruments &
fittings- and 2.
the Estimate for
the casemate
fittings shall be
passed immediately.

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

I shall see
Capt. Galton tomorrow

Wellcome Ms 5483

& will also give
him a "poke" -

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

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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

[end 15:381]

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

Wellcome 5471/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

W Aug 17/60

My dear Sir

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

"There! at last!!

S.H."

and enclosing one

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

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

[end]

Capt. Galton is
absent in the
Channel Islands.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/13/1-3 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen 67357

5471/13/1

30 Old Burlington St
W Aug 28/60

My dear sir

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

[15:381-82]

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

will be ready by
October 1 -

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

2. About the
Estimate for the
instruments &
apparatus.

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

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

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

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

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

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if he discouraged
you, - do not mind].

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

People talk of
my "terrible &

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

[end 15:382]

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

5471/13/3

{envelope}

W. Aitken Esq MD

36 Manchester St

Manchester Sq.

Wellcome 5471/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

Sept 3/60

My dear Sir

I hope that by this time
you have your authority for the
Instrument money.

I have made another
poke at the W.O.

It is too much - This
story of the School is the very
type & climax of the working
of the whole Office. It is well
it has happened - For I do
believe this & other glaring
instances will bring about
a change -

The first impression

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

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

Please keep me informed.

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

[16:545]

for Mr. Couper, who will take
My proxy.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W Sept 12/60

[16:545]

My dear Sir

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

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

I hope that
you have had no
farther hitch
And believe me

[end]

very truly yours
Florence Nightingale

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

30 Old Burlington St
W Sept 28/60
My dear Sir

[15:382]

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

I only opened
it last night -
For I had been

Wellcome Ms 5483

unusually ill & busy
And the people
had kept from me
My private letters
Otherwise I should
have thanked
you before

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I really hope you
are getting on well
now - But I
shall always be
anxious to hear
of your progress -

Private {up diag}

Your letter about
the Students shews
the necessity of some
communication from
Mr. Herbert to the
D.G. about the
School. But at
the same time I believe
that the ten students
were taken into the
Service under the idea
that they would very
probably not pass
through the School.
It was, I believe,
considered that the
Service required them
before they could pass

Wellcome Ms 5483

the usual routine.
I agree with you
however that it
would be a good
opportunity if Mr.
Herbert would
either refuse his
sanction to their
entering without
passing the School
course - or if Dr.
Gibson made a
good case for the
exception, he should
be made to under-
stand that it
must not happen
again. *Flightiness.*

[end]

Wellcome 5471/17 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[16:534]

30 Burlington St
W Feb 1/61

My dear Sir

The Glasgow Medl- Journal
was sent me.

Dr. McGhie's article
betrays either wilful
misrepresentation- or
helpless hopeless ignorance
of his own subject.
It is impossible to
answer.

Many of his
principal facts are
wrong. I would instance

Wellcome Ms 5483

those about the
Lariboisière Hospital.

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

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

all its air reaches it
over burial-ground.

Now the mistake
has been tripled.

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

[end]

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

I trust that the

Examinations will
work well now -

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

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5471/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67359

30 Old Burlington St.
W March 8/61

PRIVATE

My dear Sir

I hope that the
present difficulty
has been got over -

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

[15:385]

Also, the School

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

much into detail.

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

agent, the D.G.

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

[end]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5471/19 signed letter, 2ff, pen 67361

Private & 35 South St.
Confidential {up diag} Park Lane W.

July 20/76

My dear Sir

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

[15:316-17]

I am very much disappointed to have no special answer about "orders having been given for increased accommodation". Mr. Hardy certainly did give such orders:

Wellcome Ms 5483

I am afraid it is no use pressing about having *Monthly* Senate= Meetings: or about Assistants' pay= arrangements:

TILL we can get our Committee of Enquiry: -I wrote to its proposed Chairman: he is leaving home "for a few weeks". Another of its members is not yet returned: another is going away.

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

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

We will not lose sight of our Committee of Enquiry:

In the meanwhile, I will, if possible, find out

about the "orders for increased accomodn=".

I should be most thankful, if you could tell me that there were preparations beginning. [I suppose you did not broach this part of the subject in *seeing* the D.G.]

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

[end 15:517]

Pray believe me ever yr sincerely

Dr. Aitken

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

Wellcome 5472 initialled letter, 1f, pen

{arch:} [1847-48]

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

ever your grateful child

F.N.

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

Dear Sir

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

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

Yours VERY gratefully for all your
kindness to us. Florence Nightingale
Sunday -

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5472/3 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

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

A. Mons.

Monsieur Colyar

Wellcome 5472/4 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

[7:283]

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

ever My dear Sir

yours most gratefully F.N.

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

H Colyar Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5472/5 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch:} [1847-8]

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

when I reach England -

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

Monday

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

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

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

[7:285]

Florence Nightingale

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

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

Dear Sir

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

{on back of letter, folded like an envelope:}
H. Colyar Esq

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

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

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

The Herberts send us terrible
Sicilian news - the people took

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

a counter revolution, and
luckily "got killed" in the
Scuffle. An Austrian vessel
came into port - but the
authorities sent to implore
them not to land - as they
could not protect them from
the people - who in the night

Wellcome Ms 5483

broke into the fort & pointed
the guns at the frigate_ but
were happily stopped by the
Guardia Circa. I think the
Sicilians are quite excusable,
if not right- & hope that I
am above all prejudices
with regard to murder. Let
them answer for it who
have brought them to this.

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

{in middle of folio, folded like an envelope:}

Hy Colyar Esq

{at bottom:}

said before that beautiful passage

{illeg O felix culpa, qua talem as tartum?}

~~Redemp~~ {illeg Meruit Sabere Redemptosem?}

{front of envelope:} Hy Colyar Esq

{in other hand:} From Miss Nightingale

Notes &
Letters.-

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome Ms 5473, correspondence with Dr De'Ath, 20 pages

Wellcome Ms 5473/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Jan 4/91
Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

[6:585]

My dear Sir

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

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

Does he *live* at Warwick now?

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

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

I have ordered the little book published by Churchill.

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

Excuse pencil

Hoping to hear of your first Lecture

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

{printed up at an angle:}

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

Thank you very much,
my dear Sir, for your
two notes & Dr. Wilson's
most encouraging one
which I will return -
I am afraid you are not
able to see him ~~sa~~ to-day
or "Monday" - Perhaps you
have sent him a Syllabus -
I wish he had ordered to it.

Thank you too for the
charming little book -
The {overtop A} highest blessings of

the New Year to you
& yours -

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

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

{vert. on page}

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

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil [6:591]

Claydon Jan 3/92

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

My dear Sir

I hope your 2nd Lecture
was usefully brilliant & successful
And I know it was.

The Anatomical Models
we use for our Probationer-Nurses
at St. Thomas' were procured
for us from Leipzig by one
of our Medical Staff - {'our' overtop the}

The Card enclosed contains
the address of the man at
Leipzig from whom the
Models were obtained.

The Medical Officer
thinks that, if you would
write to Franz Josef Steger

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

Park Lane W

tomorrow

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Dr. De'Ath

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

F.N.

Wellcome 5473/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[6:591-92]

May 20/92

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

My dear Sir

Most heartily do I give you
joy on the success of your
"Health at Home" Education
Mission - the enthusiastic
attendance on your Lectures
of rural educated women
from all over the County
allowed to attend for their
own profit - your sifting
& re-sifting till you obtained
a Class of 12, who appeared
willing & able to become
instructresses or missioners
of Health to the uneducated
rural women at their own
homes - the object of the
whole course being the new one

Wellcome Ms 5483

not simply to give Sanitary
information but to
teach how to teach

-- the examination by an
independent well-known
Sanitary authority -- both
in writing & by word of mouth
(to test their power of speaking
to the uneducated) And six
of them passing the Examn=
with the utmost success -
three indeed about what had
been expected -

the main object of the Examn
being to see not only if their
book knowledge or theory
were competent but if they
could give in the most
practical & plainest, in

the most lively & dramatic
manner their knowledge
to uneducated women in
their own houses - translate
in fact the object=lessons they
had received from your skill
& kindness in the worst
houses of the worst villages
= into the cottage life with
their own hands & tongue _

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

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

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

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD -

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

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

My dear Sir

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

A Miss Deane, of Chichester, Hon. Sec. for the Ladies' Committee for Technical Education in West Sussex under the County Council, has written to me to know if her

Wellcome Ms 5483

Committee can have
one of the "teachers trained
"in Bucks as Nursing Cottage
"Lecturers" "for 6 months
"to commence on Oct. 1"
"And what salary" they
"will have to give".

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

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

& that Bucks would be

glad" if the Sussex plan
"Comes off for another".

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

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

Success to the Cottagers

Pray believe me

yours sincerely

Dr. De'Ath

F. Nightingale

Wellcome 5473/7 signed note, 1f, pencil

[6:592]

10/10/92

My dear Sir

I will if you will allow me return
your Draft "Missioner's Diary" by post
to-day with any suggestions -

God bless your work

yrs

Wellcome Ms 5483

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/8 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Claydon 11/11/92

My dear Sir

We shall be very
glad to see you on
"Tuesday afternoon", as
you kindly propose -
[And I will stay till
Wednesday on purpose
to see you on Tuesday]

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

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

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

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Thanks many for your
Cholera pamphlet -
Please send me your
account for printing

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

{up at an angle:}

I hope

your books

have arrived New Year's Eve of
1892

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

My dear Sir

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

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

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

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

"he did this told him
"that the women, while
"fully understanding
"what was taught, would
"not alter their ways. The
"ladies did their best,
"& distributed large
"printed sheets, but
" 'poor people couldn't
" 'take so much trouble' "

Dr. Ord wishes us
"better success".

I think it is clear
why he had none -

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

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

It is notorious that you
may legislate for ever to
Hindoos, District Officials
conscientiously believe all
the legislation obeyed -

Not a bit of it]

Dr. Ord does not appear to
know Pridgin Teale's book,
but, as you have it, ? , that
does not matter - With every

best wish for the New Year, sincerely yours

Dr. De'Ath

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

Private {up at an angle} Sept 26/94 [6:604-05]

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

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

An Assocn- generally
does not succeed, unless
it is worked from a
centre (by one person like

yourself - but who can
give his or her whole
time & experience --)
to the circumference -

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

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

Some Associations are,

(between ourselves,) such
humbugs -

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

I wish every possible
success to your scheme,
I need hardly say - & hope

But every District
will not have a M.O. of
Health like yourself.

Very, very few people

Wellcome Ms 5483

understand any thing
about it further
than country Lectures
by trained Hospital
Nurses!!

ever yours sincerely -
F. Nightingale

I don't think any
"discussion" "by a
"Meeting" of any use,
unless there is a knot
of people of experience
& conviction to lead & "lecture" *them*
G.H. De'Ath Esq M.D.} F.N.

[end]

Wellcome 5473/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

[6:605]

Oct 1/94
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

But I am sincerely
anxious to hear what
you really propose - &
to give any help I can, if

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

II

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

Kindly tell me what you
would recommend: for
these are the sort of people
from whom we might
ultimately recruit "Health
"Missioners" -

I know of none no ~~work~~ "Manuals" these
gentlemen's "works," too
heavy - the ladies' too little
intelligent. Though my
allowance of books sent
me to "criticize" "and
"recommend" is

2 from America
1 " India
1 " Home

G.H. De'Ath Esq MD F.N.

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

Nov 26/94

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I am sorry to be
unable to see you
to-day. But I
hope that you will
be coming this way
again some afternoon,
- not Thursday -

(& give us telegraphic
notice the day before)

& give me the
pleasure of seeing you

yours sincerely

Dr. De'Ath

F. Nightingale

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

Miss Nightingale {not FN hand}

G.H. De'Ath Esq

25/11/94

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/13/1-2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 15/94 [6:606]

My dear Sir

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

3. In Miss Deyns' two Hand bills it is only put "Nursing": *not Sick*

Nursing.

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

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

2 After all it is not the *name* but the substance of the thing that signifies And no doubt you have told these ladies *what* they may touch upon of Sick Nursing in Health at Home & what *not*.

3. It is no use trying to do anything for December now. But we have from "January to June" before us - And we might see the two ladies I had not the advantage of hearing

your 2nd Course of Lectures in which you taught, I believe, in your own striking way what you wished { 'wished' overtop illeg } included of Nursing -

Perhaps we might impress this or rather hear what the two ladies have to say - about this -

Wellcome 5473/13/2

[2]

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

yours most faithfully

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq MD

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper

Claydon Dec 17

My dear Sir

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

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

Claydon Feb 26/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W. {addr. crossed off with diag. line}

My dear Sir

We are very anxious to **[13:857-58]**
know that you were not
the worse for your kind
visit here last week.

Also; whether your
"Test" is completed - *that*
would make a sort of
Revolution -

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

to become a sort of quack.

We find it always desirable to print in our Reports of District Nursing a few type cases. It makes them Reports interesting & what is more it makes them instructive to others. The Report gives in a few lines the beginning of the case - what the Nurse has done for the Patient (and, I f necessary, for the room) - the treatment, very briefly - the end of the case - [The Nurse does generally teach a friend or kind neighbour of the

Patient some simple sanitary & practical things to do - Very often She, the Nurse, has to clean the whole room & utensils - Gentlewomen always do this best]

2. We have not yet received from you the Syllabus you so kindly undertook re Miss Deyns & Lady Verney's criticism { 'We' overtop I }
3. - nor the eye-cleaning to prevent Infantile blindness re the unsatisfactory printed leaflets you were so good as to look at -

But we know but too well how over-occupied you are - We hope you are not overdoing it.

Lady Verney prescribes a *Lent* abstinence from overwork -

ever yours sincerely

Wellcome Ms 5483

Dr. De'Ath

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome 5473/16 black-edged postmarked envelope

Immediate

{postmarked:} WINSLOW

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MR 9
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Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

MD

Buckingham

9/3/95

Wellcome 5473/15/2 {black-edged envelope}

{postmarked:} WINSLOW

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FE 26
95

Geo: H De'Ath Esq MD.

Buckingham

26/2/95

Wellcome 5473/17/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {black-edged paper}

Oct 9/95

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

My dear Sir

Thank you for
your note -

I could see you
on Monday next
at 5.30 p.m, as you
kindly wish - But
unless you are going
to stay the night
in London, that
will be an inconvenient
hour for you - I could

make it 4 o'clock
if I knew - but I
am afraid not
earlier - I do not
know what your
trains to Buckingham
are =

Wellcome Ms 5483

I think your *milk* =
=test, if complete,
would be what is
most wanted now
in London - There
are such just complaints
And the poor people
get no milk at all,
good or bad

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Geo: H. De'Ath Esq

Wellcome 5473/17/2, black-edged envelope

Geo: H. De'Ath Esq
MD
Buckingham
{back of envelope postmarked BUCKINGHAM A OC 10 95}

Wellcome 5473/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil {black-edged paper}

May 18/96
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

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

I hope you make
holiday sometimes -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Geo. H. De'Ath Esq

M.D

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

Wellcome Ms 5483

Wellcome Ms 5482, microfilm, miscellaneous correspondence, 95 letters, 154 pages

MS 5482/1 child's printing signed letter, 2ff, pen, 9097/1

Sunday Embley 1829

[1:462]

Dear Henry

Thank you for your picture, and thank Aunt Anne, and all of them for the book and pictures. Yesterday somebody threw some gunpowder into the fire, and Betsy going to poke it, it flew into her arm, and set her gown on fire. Pop went into the room and she says that it was all in a smoke. Some towels were burnt. Here is a riddle. What can you add to 9 to make 6? For instance, A gentleman sent nine ducks to his friend: the man

who carried them stole 3. Now you must know the gentleman wrote the number of ducks on the basket. How could the man alter the number nine into six so that there was no blotting out and so that he was not found out? You must recollect that he *added* something. We had a play which we acted on Twelfth - Night. It was "Alfred, a Drama" in

Wellcome Ms 5483

Evenings at Home. Freddy, Pop, Clémence (our French maid) and I acted it.
{a line is drawn around 3 sides of the names}
Freddy was Alfred he had on a black
Pop --- Gubba cap and a smock
Clémence--- Ella frock Pop had
I -- I Gandelin a smock frock and
a pair of Freddy's shoes. Clemence
had Papa's cocked hat and sword, and a
large camlet cloak. I had a white shirt,

and a woollen shawl. A calico turban hanging
down behind. Mama went to the ball the 11th
of January, came home between 5 and 6 o'clock
and stayed in bed till after our dinner.
She had on a dark green gown, white
sleeves and diamonds. Good bye. Your
affectionate cousin Florence Nightingale
P.S. I send Aunt Anne, Laura, and all of
them my love. It snows here, and is
warmer to-day. We had a grand supper
Twelfth-Night. I drew the Sweet Pea.

5482/2 2ff, unsigned letter not in F.N. hand, [endorsed 25 June 1853],
re: a letter written re Miss Nightingale not being sure if she had
asked Mr Colnaghi to send to 9 Carlton Terrace for the engraving of
the Chevalier Bunsen by Mrs Nightingale

5482/3/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

[14:177]

April 5 1855

Dear Madam

I am truly sorry to
have such painful news
to communicate to you
of your son. We admitted
four hundred cases
all suffering from
Dysentery & Frost-bite,
(from both of which your
son was suffering) in
the week of his
admission. He was
very low - Hot bottles
were put round him

Wellcome Ms 5483

& his legs rubbed by myself & one of my Nurses. I gave him Arrow Root & Port Wine in small quantities & frequently. He was constantly attended by Dr. McGregor, then 1st Class Staff Surgeon in this Hospital- But he never rallied & sank from the effects of exhaustion in January. There was extensive ulceration of the bowels. Nothing could have saved

Wellcome Ms 5483

him. He had every care
& attention. At that time
the mortality here was
fearful- The men said
little - They were too
weak to speak much-
But we often said a
prayer for them. And
sometimes I heard
them murmuring the
words "mother" & "home"
even when partially
delirious- That was
an awful time. The
Chaplains were very
attentive -

Hoping that I have

been able to give you
some comfort- & sorry
that I cannot give
more, dear Madam,
as such has been the
influx of patients under
our care that I often
confuse names & cannot
recollect cases (we once
admitted four thousand
in 17 days) I am
with truest sympathy

Yours ever

Florence Nightingale

[end]

5482/3/2 {envelope}

Mrs. Alexander
2 Star Hill
Rochester
Kent

{large two at top of envelope in other hand}

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/4 {not assigned with this number, but assume it follows in sequence} {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen 8995/39

Scutari Bk Hospl= [14:232]
Sept 22/55

Sir

The enclosed small parcels are watches & trinkets belonging to dead men, whose last words were that I should "send them to their friends"- Will you kindly take charge of them? But, should you find inconvenience in sending them to their respective destinations, will you simply stamp them, register them & send them per post? I enclose 2/6 for the requisite P.O. Stamps & expense of Registration.

[end 14:232]

I remain, Sir,
Yr obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

5482/5/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen and 8995/38

Scutari Barrack Hospl= [14:233]
September 23/55

Sir

I deeply regret the sad intelligence which I have to announce to you -
Henry A. Wright Esq. of the 6th Dragoon Guards, died this morning in Scutari Hospital

When you have broken this painful news to his mother she may perhaps find comfort in reading the enclosed ~~which~~ [end 14:233]

I remain Sir
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/5/2-4 3ff, signed letters by Arthur Wright to Mrs Wright, 11 March 1817, 20 January 1821, Bengal, re: comments on family matters and wishing to hear more of the regular family events

5482/5/5 2ff, Arthur Wright to Mr. William Wright, 1 Sept 1827, Almorah, re: lists letter dates when sent and received, small chance of recovering but a portion of 1700£ lost by the failure of a loan, financial and family matters

5482/5/6 2ff, printed program, 30 April 1906, re: funeral service program for the Late Albert Wright, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Braboeuf, Guildford

5482/6 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital [14:273]

Scutari

December 1/55

Madam

In answer to your note
of Nov 19, I deeply
regret to have to inform
you that I fear there
must be some mistake
in the mother's belief
that she heard from
her son in Scutari
Hospital on June 30
For

Corporal John Boxall
1st Royals No 3051,
admitted with Fever
on February 4/55, died

Wellcome Ms 5483

in this very Hospital
from which I now write,
on February 13/55, nine
days only from the time
of his admission, & has
been struck off the
strength of the Regt=
from that date -

I trust that the
mother will find
comfort in the thought
that he did his duty
& was not neglected.

During that fatal
month, our Deaths in

Hospital averaged from
70 to 80 per day -

On the very day of
poor Corporal Boxall's
decease, they reached
their heighth, being
that day 84 - And in
that month we lost
1700 men in these
Hospitals. The poor
mother therefore must
not be surprised, if
few particulars' about
individuals can be
gleaned or remembered

With sincere sympathy

for her loss,

I remain Madam
yr obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:273]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/7 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Sir

I have been desired [14:289]
to transfer the Order
for the "Clyde" to the
"Cambria," if you have
room - & accommodation
I therefore take the
liberty of sending the
Nurse on board for
the chance - & will
send the proper Orders
before the vessel sails-

[end]

I remain Sir
Dec 21/55 yr obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

5482/8 {black=edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 28/55

Dear Sir

Might I trouble you
to look in this morning
at one of my Nurses
who has not much
the matter with her,
but who thinks herself
much in need of the
"Doctor"?

I shall be very
much obliged if you
will.

yours truly
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/9/1-2 {black-edged paper}{written in other hand, signed by F.N.}
signed letter, 3ff, pen, same as 8996/4

Barrack Hospital

[14:314-15]

Scutari

Jany 14th '56

Mrs Byers

It is with the most
sincere sympathy, that I
am obliged to send you
sad news of your Husband
He was for some time ill
in this Hospital, during
which every thing that was
possible was done for his

recovery, but I grieve to
say that he died on the
7th of January last of
Dysentery -

It may be a comfort to
you, though a sad one,
to know that in his last
days he talked much
of his wife & children,
He seemed extremely anx-
ious about you, & spoke
of you with the greatest

Wellcome Ms 5483

tenderness & affection.
He desired that you might
be written to, & was so
anxious to remind us of
writing to you, & of your
direction, that during the
last hour of his life, after
he was unable to say
more, he often repeated
No. 5 No. 5.

I hope it will be a comfort
to you to hear that every

thing that was possible was
done here for the relief of
his sufferings, & to support
him in death. I saw him
myself daily up to the
day of his death. My
head nurse was with him
when he died- & he had
the constant attendance
of the Doctors of the Hos:
pital, & of the Nurse belong
ing to his ward. The clergyman

{this folio filmed at end out of sequence}
attended regularly in his
Ward, reading to him, &
praying with him. He had
all the nourishment he could
take, & if he had a fancy
for any particular thing
it was taken to him.

I have sent today to
your direction, his Purse,
containing £1.3.6 & some
coppers, & his Medals which
I hope will reach you
safely. I wish to add

Wellcome Ms 5483

that in case you should
be in distress in provid-
ing for your family, now
you have lost your Hus-
band, you can apply to
the "*Patriotic Fund*", &
if you write to me, I
will mention you to the
Directors of that Fund.

5482/9/2

You may direct to me
Miss Nightingale
Barrack Hospital
Scutari
With Sincere Sympathy
for your great loss,
believe me,
dear Mrs. Byers,
yours truly
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:315]

5482/10 signed note, 1f, pen

Please to deliver to the Revd Mr. Boudier
4 cases for Mrs. Shaw Stewart
1 " for Major Cox
embarked to day on board the "Ottawa"
Florence Nightingale
Scutari February 14/56

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/11/1-2 {black-edged paper} {written in two hands, signed by F.N.}
signed letter, 3ff, pen and 8996/17

Barrack Hospital **[14:341-42]**
Scutari
Febr 28/56

Mrs Byers

In answer to your letter, I can give you the fullest assurance that your poor husband was dead at the time he was buried. He was so extremely weak, that we had been expecting

his death for some days_ I saw him a few hours before his death, & was quite aware that he was dying, & my Head Nurse was with him *when* he died. Moreover, all the bodies of those who die in Hospital, are ordered to be seen by a Medical Officer before they are buried,

in order that it may be certain that death has really taken place.

With respect to the state of the soul of your poor Husband, I have spoken both to Dr. Blackwood, a clergyman of the Church of England, & to Mr. McNare, the Presbyterian

Wellcome Ms 5483

Chaplain who both attended him frequently during his illness. Both say that he was most earnest in his desire that they should pray with him, which shows him to have been in a religious frame of mind, & may give you the assurance that in the hands of a merciful Father, he will be mercifully

dealt with, & the hope of meeting again when the trials of this world are over.

I remain, dear Mrs. Byer,
with Sincere Sympathy
for your great loss

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Should you not be in the receipt of the allowance granted by the "Patriotic Fund" to widows & that granted to orphans for your children, you may write

5482/11/2 to Lt. Col. Lefroy
Royal Artillery
Secretary to the
"Patriotic Fund"
16 A. Great George St.- Westminster
London

stating full particulars as to yourself & children & asking for this allowance. A printed paper will then be forwarded to you for you to fill up - by the office of the "Patriotic Fund"- & you will receive the proper allowance -

[end 14:342]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/12 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen and 8996/24 and 9097/5

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
8/3/56

[14:351-52]

Dear Sir

Hearing that the Russian prisoners are in some want of clothing & the weather being cold, I have taken the liberty of addressing to you

7 Bales containing
200 shirts
150 Jerseys
300 prs Turkish socks &
some Old Clothes

thinking that you would kindly take the pains of ascertaining where they were wanted & distributing them or giving them to the proper person to distribute-

I should have come over myself had it not been for the want of health & weather - Yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:352]

5482/13 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen 8996/71

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
July 5/56

[14:426]

My dear Sir

You were kind enough to offer some advice as to the nature of Stores which I might send to our Mediterranean Commands; at Corfu principally you thought warm clothing desirable. If you could kindly give me some idea, from your greater experience, as to the

Wellcome Ms 5483

quantity & quality of
Stores to be addressed
to the Ionian Isles & to
whom they should be
addressed, you would
greatly oblige me.

[end]

I remain
dear Sir
yours very truly
F Nightingale
{illeg smudged} Linton Esq M.D.

5482/14/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Nov 7/56

[14:462]

My dear Sir

Wednesday I shall
have the pleasure of
waiting upon you at
dinner.

=====

48 Norfolk Sq
Brighton
is the present address
of Miss Erskine, late
Supt- at the Naval Hospital
at Therapia

[end]

very truly yours
Florence Nightingale

5482/14/2 {envelope}

Sir Benjamin Hawes K.C.B.

&c &c &c

{Miss Nightingale 1856 vert. in left marg in other hand}

{back of envelope} Nightingale's insignia

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/15 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London

[15:262]

Dec 12/56

Dear Lord Napier

I have been moving
about in or near town
since your letter was
dispatched, or I should
have answered earlier.

I can truly say I feel
a great interest in the
welfare of Capt. Keatley
& his family - & I have
formerly done my
"possible" to forward it
& if I have not interfered

in the case of the
particular appointment
at Malta to which
you allude, it is
because I do not see
how I can do so with
propriety, having no
knowledge of Mr.
Labouchere in whose
gift (not in that of
Sir George Grey) it rests.
It is with regret I find
myself obliged to say

[Labouchere? See]

this. For I assure you
I have often, with
anxiety, recurred to the
cases of Capt. Keatley
& Dr. Holton, his son=
in=law -

[end 15:262]

Believe me
dear Lord Napier
ever most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/16 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen, Miss Florence Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St

W

Jan 24/57

My dear Sir

I have only just heard that Dr. Dickson has been appointed to the vacant post of Physician to the Embassy at Constantinople- I know that this has been done in opposition to the request of Lord Clarendon & Mr. Herbert who both wrote in favor of Dr. Pincoffs -

But I know Lord Stratford better than he does -

I think it my duty to give you this bad news as soon as I heard it myself-

Many thanks for your last note & little book - which is very interesting, tho' it does not embrace all it might do -

Believe me ever

faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/17 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
London W

Feb 20/57

Madam

I regret that I am
unable to mention any
one for the Office you
are seeking to fill.

If I should hear of
any one whom I could
with satisfaction propose
to you, it would give
me the greatest
pleasure -

But, as I am unable
from being much

engaged with business
to make the search
generally necessary in
such enquiries, I
hope that you will
not trust to my
success but that
your want may be
otherwise supplied.

Believe me Madam,

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/18/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

My dear Madam

I found that my occupations multiply upon me so much that it becomes impossible to me to recommend or to search out persons with whom my Crimean business has not made me previously acquainted.

The only three ladies whom I can think of as at all likely to be suitable for you are

persons with whom I am only acquainted thro' their application to me for employment & whom I have never seen -

Two of them I have mentioned previously to you - I think -

4. Mrs. Flemyng
5 Clevedon Terrace
Kingsdown
Bristol

formerly Matron of the
Westminster Ho. of Correction,

Wellcome Ms 5483

refers to her cousin,
Sir W. Page Wood, for
his recommendation -

5. Mrs. Barnett {overtop Bartlett}
27 Upper Albany St
Regents Park

widow of a Medical man,
whose references I
think you took.

6. Miss Macdonald
79 Milton St
Dorset Sq.
London N.W.

writes to me a very'
good, straightforward,

educated letter, asking
for employment. But
I know nothing more
of her -

Believe me, in haste
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

London

April 20/57
5482/18/2 {front of envelope}
The Honble

& Mrs. E. Cropper
Dingle Bank
Liverpool

{stamped on flap of envelope:} Magston Vale

{back of envelope, postmarked:} LIVERPOOL JA 7 1857 A.U.
from Florence Nightingale {in other hand}

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/19/1-2 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 4ff, pen

29 Old Burlington St
W.

July 1/57

My dear Sir

Pray keep Dr. Pincoffs-
I don't want it back -

I fear, however, you
will be disappointed in
him- I have not seen
the book since it was
printed - But I saw, in
M.S., the parts about
the foreign & English
Medical Army Systems,
& about the foreign &

English Army Medical
Schools- That about
the French School
appeared to me the most
valuable- But he
missed the great point
of the French system,
which is the perfect
& practical education,
which the French Army
Surgeon receives, during
eight months, at the
Val de Grace, in Army
Hygiene - It is the
most perfect thing I

know - For, after all,
as to practice, there
is about 6 times as
much Medical &
Surgical Practice in
one London Civil
Hospital in a year,
as there is among
150,000 or 200,000
soldiers in time of peace- But the
Sanitary matters are
what we so awfully
neglect- And, when
we consider that the
lives & healths of

Wellcome Ms 5483

these men are absolutely
in the hands of authority,
it ought to be considered
a real responsibility,
to educate those who
are to have the charge-

I told Dr. Pincoffs that
I thought, it a pity he
had not made his
book more professional.
He said it would not
be read. But a
professional man
might have said so
much that was true
about the real causes

5482/19/2

of our disaster, which
it would not become
an unprofessional person
to say -

I do not think that
you could learn much
from the Russian Sisters
in your Civil Hospitals-
I only spoke of them
as being infinitely the
best system I saw in
the Military Hospitals
of the four nations
engaged during the War,
French, Sardinian,

English & Russian.

I could not bring our
system at all up to
theirs for various reasons
which I will tell you.

At the same time, they
had not a Sister to
compare with some of
our old Surgical Sisters
in London Hospitals,
Mrs. Roberts, for instance.

But our Military *Hospital*
system was one scene
of confusion -

Wellcome Ms 5483

However, I need not
say all these things to
you who know them
far better than I -

Believe me

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

I will tell you all we
have done about Netley
when I accept your
kind invitation to the
Hospital -

5482/20 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Sir

Should you be able
to come here & see me
this evening, you would
be doing me a great
favor, as I much wish
to consult you upon a
matter of Hospital
Furniture

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

29 Old Burlington St.

July 3/57

5482/21 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1ff, pen

Tuesday

Florence Nightingale

My dear Mr. Hallam

Many, many thanks
for your very kind invitation
to breakfast on Friday
or Saturday.

On Saturday I have
a business engagement
at that time- On Friday
I could come, & I need
not say now glad I
should be - But my
father is in town for
a very few days- And I
want to be with him-

Wellcome Ms 5483

I know that it is often
impossible to you to make
another place at
breakfast & therefore
I do not ask you to
answer this note, which
I am afraid must be
to decline -

Should you include
my father in the
invitation, then please
merely say "Come" by
Bearer -

Believe me ever
most sincerely & gratefully
yours, dear Mr. Hallam

Florence Nightingale
{text to the left not F.N. hand:} 12 July 1857 {overtop 47}

5482/22 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burln= St.
Nov 9/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

Herewith comes the
first Draft of Regulations
for type, including

1. General Duties of Medical
Officers
2. Regulations as to General
& Regimental Hospitals.

We shall require
several proofs of this,
before we are satisfied

with it ourselves. For
it is an affair of
memory & comparison.
And therefore I would
not, if I were you,
trouble myself more
than to glance over
it, & certainly make
no further use of it,
before we have looked
over it several times.
For it is a matter of

Wellcome Ms 5483

no little time to
put consistency, logical
arrangement & so on
into these Regulations.

[The Amended Health
Act took two years'
preparation]-

The General Hospital
Regulations, herein
specified, are at
present only trans=
cripts of my little
Report, & will require

much careful sifting
on our parts.

The sooner I can
have a Proof of all this,
the better for me -

ever faithfully yrs

F Nightingale

You shall have
the rest to morrow.

5482/23 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Dear Mr. Herbert

Has Ld. Panmure
granted the Sub= Commission
for the Organization &
Regulations, or for the
Regulations alone?

Any way I am
so glad -

Would you give me
one line per Bearer?

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Nov 12/57

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/24/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

April 13/58

My dear Capt. Galton

I can see nothing
to add, alter or
take away in this
Table- It seems
to me quite complete.
When published, it
will give the most
complete body of

information on
Ventilation which
exists- or rather
one more complete
than any which
exists -

For, as a Science, tho' {'as' overtop As}
Ventilation is
perfectly understood,
as an Art, is it *not*
at all.

Yours most truly

F Nightingale

Can you hear any
thing of what
Capt. Laffan, & Co. are
doing on your
Netley Report?

Yours is to be moved {'Yours' overtop I}
for in the Ho. of C.
to-night.

5482/24/2

{envelope} Captain Douglas Galton R.E.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/25 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen, presumably to Roberton

30 Old Burlington St.

W.

April 15/58

Dear Sir

I am greatly indebted to you for the interesting Volume of your valuable "Transactions", which I shall read with the strongest sympathy-

I send you some thing of *our Transactions*,

which I hope you too will look at with some sympathy.

Yours very faithfully

& obliged

Florence Nightingale

5482/26 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Gt Malvern

Sept 26/58

Sir

I have received the two Vols: sent me on Saturday by you - & beg to thank you for the same -

The Diagram of "Mortality in the Hospitals" (PXVIII of Preface to Section III.) ought to have been facing PXXVIII.

A List of Illustrations ought to have been printed on a fly sheet

Wellcome Ms 5483

at the beginning of each
Vol: to come just
before or after "Contents
& Digest" - If not too
late, I enclose M.S.
For one -

As there is a double
number of Lariboisière
plans; I would insert
them in *both* Vols: as
far as they will go
placing one to face
P. 479 in Vol 1.

I would in both Vols:,
place the Plan higher
up the page, i.e. leave
less Margin above the
Title.

This too great Margin
above the Title is, I
think, particularly
remarkable in the
Diagrams P.P. 315, 320.
I should have been
inclined to make
them the same length
as the Page, as in
specimens I enclose.

The Vols: are not
very well bound, but
probably they were
done slightly- The
page of Illustrations
at P. 402 is awry.

In the cover of both
Vols: but particularly

Wellcome Ms 5483

Miss F. Nightingale
in that of the smaller
one, the Title is much
too near the top &
the printer's name
too high from the bottom.
And the printing is not
quite ~~straight~~ parallel
with the edge.

Otherwise I like
it very much.

Mr. Clough will
call upon you & decide
about the distribution
of the copies -

I remain

Your obedt servt
F. Nightingale

5482/27 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Oct 12/58

Dear Sir

I presumed upon a
very slight acquaintance
with you (made when
you were kind enough
to take me last year
to the London Hospital)
to send you some
days ago a copy of a
Report of mine to
the War Office -

Even if you do
not read it yourself,

I know I may depend
upon you not to let
any one else read it,
as it is really
"Confidential," and
Secretaries of State,
(being bothered with
such things as
"faithful Commons",)
are jealous -

Yours sincerely

Wellcome Ms 5483

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/28 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [15:153]

30 Old Burlington St
6/11/58

Dear Sir

You will probably
hardly remember the
Florence Nightingale
who now writes to
you & as a beggar
too -

May I venture to
ask you (and to
hope to be refused,
if it is unreasonable)
to send for me a

parcel of official
Reports to Mrs. Shaw
Stewart, who
was with me in
the Crimea, & who
is now pursuing
our vocation at
the Hôtel Dieu at
Paris?

I am desirous
that, if possible,

this parcel should
be sent to her
from the Consul's
Office at Paris
& delivered to her
at the Hôtel Dieu -

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

The bearer waits
with the parcel.

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/29 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
6/11/58

[14:571]

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send by
this day's post copies
of my Precis (both Vols:)
to the Very Rev.

The Dean of Hereford
Deanery
Hereford and to

The Right Revd
the Lord Bishop of Bath &
Wells
Palace
Wells

with the "CONFIDENTIAL"
written in a large
hand & underlined
near the right hand
top corner of each Vol.

Please to inform
me how soon the Proof
of the last M.S. sent
for the Diagrams can
be sent me -

F. Nightingale

5482/30 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Dec 12/58

[14:571]

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send
copies of my Precis to
Colonel McMurdo

Head Quarters
Military Train
Horfield

1 Vol: Bristol

T. Southwood Smith Esq Md
The Pines

2 Vols: Weybridge

Wellcome Ms 5483

Sir John Richardson CB-
Inspector of Hospitals R.N.
Lancrigg
Grasmere
Westmorland

2 Vols:

Rear Admiral
S.C. Dacres CB.

2 Vols: Bath

(the thick Vol: *only* to
be sent to the first
on the List)-
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Please to send me
my account for
printing the two Vols:
of the Précis- for
lithographing the
Diagrams - for
binding 4 Copies
for sending out
&c - immediately
Turn over

Sir Wm Page Wood
informed me that
he had received
two copies of the
Précis at about
a fortnight's interval-
Can you inform me
how this happened?

Please to inform me
what progress the
"Sanitary Contribution
has made -

F. Nightingale

[end 14:571]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/31/1-2 {black-edged paper} {in other hand, signed by F.N.}
signed letter, 3ff, pen

Great Malvern

[1:360-1]

January 8th/59

My dear Sir John Richardson,

I have sent you a
"Sanitary contribution to the
History of the British Army" that
you may not think we are
doing nothing. I read *your*
contribution to us at the
Birmingham Meeting last
year, & was delighted with
it.

Your letter is a treasure
to me. It is so seldom that
I receive that kind of wholesome
criticism. With regard to
the question of a Hospital
Governor, the army is

under very different circumstances
from the Navy. At all the
places where *you* have
hospitals, you have everything
required for hospitals. During
War, the Army has to
organise General Hospitals
& requires a Head for each
with absolute independent
power to find every thing.

In peace, the principal
object of having a Governor
would be only to prepare
him for his duties in time
of War. In fact, in
time of war, without a

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governor, the principal Medical Officer would have to be invested with powers & responsibilities which would virtually make him a Governor, if the hospital is to get on at all.

The army inspecting Medical officers have also very different functions from any which can fall on the Navy Inspectors-General, & except in special circumstances could not attend sick as you do in the Navy.

The defects you mention at Haslar ought to be remedied. I think some

few have recently been in.

The defect in the Office of the Captain - superintendent or Governor there would be (in a Military hospital) that he has another command & other duties & his interests are not wholly wrapt up in the hospital: if they were I do not think he would be inclined to oppose the improvement of his hospital it would keep up his responsibility. { 'would' overtop illeg}

I should like to write a great deal more in answer to your invaluable

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[2]

letter, but I am not able.

Pages 11 & 12 are the only ones I will trouble you to read in the "Sanitary Contribution".

Believe me
dear Sir John Richardson,
with my kind
compliments to Lady
Richardson,

ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

PS. If you could send me any precise details about the Sanitary defects of the Trinidad (?) Barracks (where your son is) mentioned by you, I think I could make use of them so as to have a practical effect. **[end]**

5482/32 {black-edged paper}{in other hand, signed by F.N.} signed letter, 1f, pen

Great Malvern
Jany 15/59

[16:74]

Sir,

Messrs. Harrison Printers have forwarded to me your letter of the 12th- inst relative to a Report of mine upon Hospitals.

The Report in question was prepared by order of the Secretary of State for War & is a private document.

It is therefore out of my power, as you will readily understand, to comply with your request for a copy

I will gladly send you a

Wellcome Ms 5483

paper of mine upon
Hospitals that was read at
Liverpool, as soon as
it is printed, altho' I fear
it will not be of the use
to you which you indicate

[end]

I remain, Sir,
your obedient servt-
Florence Nightingale
W.H. Brace Esqre

5482/33 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St

W

March 9/59

[16:780]

My dear sir

The subject of the
removal of St. Thomas's
Hospital is one of such
public importance
that I would fain hope
you could find room
for some further notice
of it in your "Builders"-
It is now before the
Ho. of Commons Committee

[end]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
G. Godwin Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/34 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

Sept 29/59

My dear Sir

I do not know whether you are at home but I am inclined to ask you a favor, as your many acts of kindness towards me encourage me to trespass upon you -

I have had a set of new Forms prepared for Hospital Statistics I should be very glad if the London Hospital would be so good as to fill up one set for trial - But before presuming to send them on for this purpose, I should be very much obliged to you if you would take the trouble to ascertain

to what extent the information is forth coming from the Hospital books. The following are the data required to fill up the Forms:

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Disease

{large `}' between
1.-3. and paragraph}

Of these will be required the *Remainings* on the last day of any year (say) 1857: and the *Remainings* at the end of 1858. (a full year.)

Also the *Admissions*

Discharges

Deaths

Discharged

Incurable

& the *Duration of*

the Cases.

NB. The Age, Sex & Disease is to be shewn for each of these headings -

If you would be kind enough to

Wellcome Ms 5483

answer this question, you would
very greatly oblige, my dear Sir,
yours very truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I am now in Hampstead, but I shall
very soon be back in Burlington St.,
where I send every day: so that
anything you are good enough to send
there for me will suffer no delay.

F.N.

5482/35 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen, also 9097/6

Hampstead NW

[16:525]

22 Nov/59

My dear Captain Galton

Mr. Herbert told
me on Sunday that
you were to be applied
to for a plan for a
Civil Hospital at
Lisbon -

From what I know,
of that odious place,
it will be very
important before you

begin, to have

1. a plan & section
of the ground & its
elevation above the
Tagus -

There is scarcely
level ground of the
size of a sofa in
Lisbon- And there
are horrible gullies
in which no Hospital
ought to be built

2. the number of

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beds, of course, which
Mr. Herbert did not
know -

3. the building
materials to be used -
Has there not been,
since the great
Earth quake, a kind
of wattle stuff
used?

Do not however take
any trouble about or
make any use of
this information till

you are properly
applied to.

The King of Portugal
wishes to erect this
Hospital to the memory
of the dead Queen - and
consulted Albert
about it - who
consulted Mr. Herbert
who spoke to me -

yours ever most truly

F. Nightingale

I think it is rather a triumph
for Albert to consult Mr.
H. about a Hospital, after
having been thwarted by him

about his Netley!

[end]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/36/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

May 5/60

My dear Madam

I have only to do with
the passages in your Preface
which are extracted from
my letter. I would ask
you to leave out what
I have scored out in red.
~~ink~~ [I am accustomed
to hear from Italian Sisters
of "San Vincenzo *dé Paoli*"
& San Francesco *di Paola*.]
Without any modesty, I am
quite sure that your
Italian is better than mine.
I only submit the above
to you; & really, not hypocri=
tically, defer to your better
knowledge, in this trifle as
well as in all your
translation, which I only
desire to see, *after* it is

Wellcome Ms 5483

published.

Soeur Cordero was chosen
Superioress of the "Sisters" who
attended the "Ambulances"
of the wounded & sick
soldiers after the campaign
of Maqueta, Solferino &c -
She has well worthy of such
a ~~the~~ post. I have heard from
her since; & of their sufferings
& lack of means of relief-
in the Hospitals- She has
only just returned from
Milan to Sienna- Nothing
that can be said of her &
hers is too much coloured
for the truth. But I do not
think she would think
well of me for putting the
connection between her & me
(which I value so much,)
too much *en évidence*.

Believe me to be
most sincerely & I may say
gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

5482/36/2 {postmarked envelope:} LONDON 8Mc- MY 7 {60}
A. Mademoiselle
Mademoiselle Sabilla Novello
Casa Quaglia
Nice Maritime

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/37 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead NW
Oct 30/60

[16:380]

My dear Sir

The only observations
I have farther to
make upon Dr.
Combe is in reference
to the statement
that he has (in the
"Builder") pointed out
other sites for the
Woolwich Hospital.
All these were
carefully noted -

at the time -
and examined.

And I beg to
enclose to you the
following statement,
upon the accuracy
of which you
may rely.

[end]

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

5482/38 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.
London W

Dec 24/60

My dear Miss Carpenter

Any request of yours
I would always fulfil,
if I could -

In my Schoolmistress
days, I used to see
the great want of
what you propose -
At Aberdeen and
in Ragged Schools, one
rejoices to see the
effect of it.

Wellcome Ms 5483

But I have the
same objection to
giving my name to
what I cannot
effectually help,
as to being a
godmother to a child,
of which office the
obligations cannot
be fulfilled.

You have the
right to give your
name to this
good cause - I have
not -

I have been so ill
and so busy that
I could not write
myself before -

And yet I would
not let any one
acknowledge your
kind note but
myself-

ever yours most truly
Florence Nightingale

5482/39/1-2 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 3ff, pen [6:518]

Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Dec 27/60

Dear Sir

The evidence collected
by Mr. Chadwick on
the half= time system
of school training, &
on the advantages
of School drill, is
so overwhelming
that it would
require strong reasons
indeed on the other
side (& which they

Wellcome Ms 5483

won't find) to resist
it.

Your own Digest
makes a most
satisfactory case.

The whole of it
is so obvious that
no more argument
can make it
plainer than it is.
But its very
plainness affords
a strong reason
against it in the
eyes of many. i.e.

against its general
adoption at once -

Dryden, I think,
said of one of his
works, It was so
bad I was sure
it would take -

Now this is so
good it won't "take".

Half time & drill
should be the rule
in Schools of a certain
class. Drill should
be the rule in all
Schools, male &
female.

Body & mind must
be trained together.

Discipline, or teaching
how to obey, is the
most important part
of education, as I
can testify who have
served in the Army

Health & development
of body, both of which
are ignored in the
present School
system, would be
best obtained while
creating this habit

Wellcome Ms 5483
of ready obedience

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/39/2

I am very much
obliged to you for
having let me see
these valuable
papers, which I
now return -

I have received
the Vol: of your
Journal, which I
will gratefully read
& faithfully return.

Yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale

5482/40 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

30. Old Burlington Street {printed address:}
W.

April 20/61

Please to send 6 copies
of my (17d) "Notes on
Nursing for the Labouring
Classes" to the Revd

Stephen Hawtrey
Church House
Windsor

and 6 copies to

Dr. Farr
Southlands

charging the same Bromley
Kent

to me.

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/41 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

April 20/61

Messrs. Harrison

Please to send- of my
(sevenpenny) "Notes on
Nursing"-

6 copies to

Mr. W.A. Shields
38 Hill St
Peckham

2 copies to

Mrs Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

1 to Dav. Dickson Esq
16 George Sq
Edinburgh

1 to Rt Honble
Sir John McNeill G.CB_
Granton Ho=
Edinburgh

1 to Mrs. Harriet Martineau
The Knoll
Ambleside

and charge the same
to me

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/42 1f, unsigned letter in unfamiliar hand to W.B. Spain E, 13 June [61], Embley, re: 'To give an autograph is the last thing Miss Nightingale ever thought of doing'

5482/43/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen, also in *Times* published 15 November 1861, but his name not on

Hampstead NW
Oct 22/61

My dear Sir

I very well
remember the kindness
of your 1800 men
when they addressed
me some years ago
from Newcastle.

It is the rememb=
brance of that
kindness which
makes me feel now
that I must answer

your note with
my own hand,
altho' ill health
& overwhelming
business seldom
allow me to do so
even to my nearest
friends.

I have ventured
to send you by post
6 copies of my
little book on Nursing,
which you may
find useful among

Wellcome Ms 5483

your people -

Also two books
on the Crimean Army
published some
years ago- & which
I think I may
have sent you before.
If so, do not
trouble yourself
to return them -

In answer to your
kind enquiry, I have
passed the last
four years between
four walls- only

varied to other
four walls once a
year- & I believe
there is no prospect
but of my health
becoming ever worse
& worse, till the hour
of my release -

But I have
never ceased during
one waking hour
since my return
to England 5 years
ago labouring for
the welfare of the

5482/43/2

Army at home
as I did abroad.
And no hour have
I given to friendship
or amusement
during that time,
but all to work.
To that work the
death of my dear
chief, Sydney Herbert
has been a fatal
blow.

[sidney?]

I assure you
it is always a
support giving

Wellcome Ms 5483

strength to me -
to find a national
sympathy with
the Army & our
efforts for it -
such a sympathy
as you express -

Believe me

dear Sir

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

Wm Brown Esq

5482/44 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen
{in other hand.} Florence Nightingale

London

Jan 30/62

(6 Whitehall)

S.W.

Miss Harris

My dear friend ^ if you {'Miss Harris' in other hand}

will allow me to call
you so) I can never
forget you nor all
your kindness to us
in Egypt. And it
was a great pleasure
to hear from you -
But I was very
sorry indeed to hear
of your anxiety about
your father. It must
be great indeed.

Wellcome Ms 5483

And I can only trust
that he may be spared
to you many years.
I like to think of your
going up the Nile with
him, as I used to
see you (at Philoe)
perhaps copying
hieroglyphics for him:

 You kindly ask
after me. For five
years (ever since I
came back from
the Crimean War) I
have been working
for the Army without
the intermission of one
single waking thought.

 It has pleased God
now to recall to himself
every one of my fellow=
workers - all men in
the prime of life, from
41 to 51 years of age.
I am the last who is
left- And I am dying,
tho' very slowly. For
the last 4 years I have
been confined to my
room. But it is not
till the last 6 weeks
that I have been
unable to work (by
writing)

 I send you, by parcel,
a book which I trust
that you may like. You

Wellcome Ms 5483

will see in the concluding
verses a true mention
of the best, the dearest,
the most efficient of
my fellow= workers,
Sydney Herbert, the late
War Secretary

Mrs. Norton (who
writes it) knew him &
loved him well as who did not? And
her friendship was not
unworthy of *him*. He has
left a wife & 7 children
some quite babies. The Bracebridges
are at Florence (in Italy) for the Winter.
She is far from well.

Farewell, dear friend
God bless you
ever yours affectely
Florence Nightingale

5482/45 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:626]

9 Chesterfield St
Ap 19/62

{large X}
Dear sir

Would you be so
very good as to
inform me whether,
in the Asylum of
which I believe you
are the Physician,
a case of Idiotcy
from Epilepsy
would be received?

Perhaps you would

Wellcome Ms 5483

kindly read the
letter (from Kertch
in the Crimea,) which I enclose,
& return it to me,
with the information
it desires.

The writer of it
is quite unknown
to me -

If you would
not receive such
a case, would you
recommend to me

any place where
you think it would
be likely to be
received? And
would you give me
such information
about terms &c
as would enable
me to answer the
letter?

Believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

5482/46 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

9 Chesterfield St
W

May 24/62

Messrs Griffin & Bohn
Sir

I shall be most
happy that my
"Notes on Nursing"
should answer any
purpose you may
devise to make it
useful. But I have
no power over it.
You must ask
Messrs. Harrison
45 St. Martin's Lane
your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/47/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen

Hampstead NW

Aug 23/62

My dear Dr. Anderson

I shall never
forget your kindness
to me at Balaclava,
never.

I heard with
great pleasure of your
return to England &
of your promotion, of
which I am sure
than yourself there is
no man more deserving.

And I heard

with still greater
pleasure that you
were going to Chatham.
Because you will
promote the interests
of the School in every
way. It is already
doing much good, &
may do a great deal
more, to the Service.

You are kind
enough to enquire
after my health,
which you once
saved.

The last twelve
months have been

Wellcome Ms 5483

a year of bereavements
to me, beginning with
poor Sidney Herbert's
death just this time
last year. And my
health has failed
much more- Indeed
since Christmas I
have hardly left my
bed, except to come
here -

Thank God, I am
still able to do some
work. But I have
often much difficulty
in writing, which
must excuse this {overtop my}
note, too short to

[(III)]

express my remembrance
of all your kindness,
as it should, & to
say how much I am

yours ever gratefully

F. Nightingale

I dare say you are aware
that there is an Indian
Sanitary Commission
Sitting. It has an
immense body of most
valuable evidence,
which will interest
you much, including
Reports from all our
Stations in India. These
have all been abstracted
And Digests printed

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/47/2

of them for each of the
three Presidencies. The
Report is nearly ready.
And Lord Stanley who
is ~~its~~ Chairman as
successor to Sidney Herbert,
will hold a Meeting
in September to
consider its final
form.

\ F.N.

5482/48 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen, 9097/7

up side: would prevent this. That is all I meant. [end 9:121]

32, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

Nov 22/62

Dear Sir Charles Trevelyan

At least you will [9:121]

let me thank you for
the precious five
Hindustani books-

I am afraid I
am too old to learn
Hindustani, tho' I
should have thought
nothing of it, ten
year ago

But they will

remind me, if that
were needed, of
all the good you
are doing in
facilitating commu=
nication between
our poor men &
the people among
whom they have
to live.

I wish I could
go out to India.

Wellcome Ms 5483

We are forcing forwards the printing of the Indian Sanitary papers_ both because it is high time that the Commission should finish its labours & because I hope to put a good many into your hands by Dec 4. But that (dreadful) Genl= Register Office has not finished our Statistics yet

Believe me
ever yours gratefully
& Lady Trevelyan's
Florence Nightingale

About the Ruam, it does not follow as you say that intercepting sewers are required to cleanse it: This is an Engineering question, which only a first rate Sanitary Engineer, could settle. In Sanitary experience, any influx of sewage into a river is bad (even here- & must be worse in India) And any delay of water in a river bed requiring a periodic flushing is also bad. Sanitary engineering

{this line vert in left marg of 1st folio of letter:}
would prevent this. This is all I meant.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/49 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

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

Jan 7/63

Sir

I received this
morning a piece of
grey Honey comb,
but without any
bill to let me
know how much
there was in the piece.
Please do send me
as much more; &
also, reckoning that
piece as 3 yards,
(tho' Mrs. Bracebridge

tells me it is what
is called 2 3/4 yds at
7/6 per yd) two pieces
of 5 yards, or what
would be 5 to 3,
- in all 13 yards,
reckoning the piece
sent me as 3.

Please to send the
account with it.

I enclose a
pattern, which
appears to me the
same as the piece
sent me -

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/50 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen [6:627]

32 South St W

Jan 16/63

My dear Sir

I know nothing of
the Bearer of this
except that he is
an Army Pensioner,
(wounded in the
Crimea) & in the
first stage of
consumption - &
wants me to get
him into the
Consumptive Hospl=

- the story or hundreds,
as you may suppose,
who come to me.

You are so kind
in listening to my
beggars. that I
venture to ask,
do you think him
a case for St. George's,
at least to try for
a time what you
can do for him?

Yours very truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/51 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

4 Cleveland Row
St James Palace
S W

Feb 20/63

My dear Sir

It is long since
we have had any
Communication.

Would you allow
me to send you the
enclosed Tables for
Surgical Operations,
in pursuance of the
common object we
once had to improve
the method of keeping
Hospital Statistics.

They are intended
not only to register
cases but to enable
the results of particular
operations to be better
ascertained (statistically)
than they are at present.

I drew up these
Tables for this purpose.
I have had them
tried on a large scale
& they are found to
answer the purpose.

I intend to bring
the whole subject
before the next Meeting

Wellcome Ms 5483

of the Social Science
Association, if I live
so long. But in the
mean time I send
you a set in the hope
that, without the
explanations then to
be given, they will
commend themselves
to you, so that you
would perhaps bring
them before the
Surgeons of the
"London Hospital"
for introduction
into a Hospital

which is probably
the best known in
Europe for its Surgical
cases.

I am, my dear Sir
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Little

{Please note: letters out of sequence on film}

5482/52 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:721]
envelope addressed to Lady Ashburton
Champs Elysee
Paris

4.Cleveland Row. {printed address}
S.W.

March 31/63

Dear Mr Milnes

[13:88]

I have got a Nurse
from King's Coll: Hosp:
(St John's House)
who will be at
your house prepared
to go to Paris at
3 P.M. to day

Could you give
such directions as
that the junction
may be effected there

Wellcome Ms 5483
(at 16 Upper Brook St)

Wellcome Ms 5483

with Lord Ashburton's
servant- so that
the two may start
~~from~~ for Paris with as
little fatigue to the
Nurse, as possible-
if, as seems likely,
she will have to
enter upon her duties
at once -

 You know St John's
House is a Society-
which lets out
Nurses, affiliated

to itself - the Nurse
remaining the Nurse/servant
of the Society & not
becoming the servant
of the Patient

 ever yours

 F.N.

{response:} Milnes to Lady Ashburton, re: sends Nightingale's
autograph which is to fetch £1 at their Bazaar (the letter is
addressed to Lady Ashburton in Paris, postmarked AP 3 63}

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/53/1-3 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen

4 Cleveland Row
London S.W.

April 23/63

[15:389-90]

Private {up diag}

My dear Sir

Surely I "remember" you
& all about you & am
proud that you should
call me your "fellow
worker". The results of
your Hospital at the
Castle, Balaclava & of
your work there will
not be easily forgotten.
It produced the best
results during that war.

But to come to your
query at once.

Long before your
letter the D.G. had named
Mr. Blenkins in place of
Mr. Longmore (We are
quite aware that you were

disappointed of a post-
actually given & well
deserved- by the formation
of the Army Med= Sch=)]
But there is great doubt
whether Mr. Longmore will
be transferred to the Army
Med= Dept=. There has been
a misunderstanding (by the
D.G.) of the School Constitution
in the way in which he
(the D.G.) made that
appointment. And in future
it is not likely that
similar transfers will be
permitted. The R. Commission
& the Medl= Schl= Warrant
certainly contemplated life
appointments after a
period of trial. And the
D.G. appears not to have
been aware of this, when
he promoted Mr. Longmore //

Wellcome Ms 5483

In all such transfers (if ever they occur) & in all nominations of Professors, the Senate should be consulted, & its opinion laid before the Secy of State, upon whom the school & its appointments are made directly to depend.

If the proposed transfer of Mr. Longmore, should take place, the proper course would be for the Senate to name the Candidates & to recommend one for a two years' trial, who, if found competent, would be appointed permanently. This, or something like it, will in all probability be done, i.e. *if* the Secy of State agrees to transfer Mr. Longmore

[But Sir G. Lewis' death & the appointment of Lord de Grey, who will in all things try to follow in Ld Herbert's

Wellcome Ms 5483

track, (whose pupil & Under Secretary he was) will make Ld Herbert's plan almost certain to be carried out.]
//Under these circumstances you will see that no recommendation of any candidate would be of service; ~~farther~~ he must apply personally to the Senate. But at present nothing even in this way can be done until the question of Mr. Longmore's transfer be decided.//

In the strictest confidence

I may mention that the D.G.'s underhand conduct (in appointing Mr. Longmore & Mr. Blenkins,) without reference to his colleagues on a private Committee, at the very time he was sitting upon it, to organize the transfer of the School to

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/53/2

Netley, to report upon its efficiency, & especially upon this question of the permanency of the Professorships, has created the deepest disgust at the W.O. The question was referred from thence to the Committee (~~the~~ it being the same which originally organized the Sch:) & is now being reported upon to the W.O. (Operations were suspended by Sir G. Lewis' death. Hence the delay.)

I may also confidentially {overtop illeg} mention that I sent in your name (privately) to the members of this Committee- in case of Mr. Longmore's ultimate transfer.

All this I commend to your honor, which I well know -

Surely I consider you as an "old friend" & should be very sorry to sink that "title".

My strength protests against my writing which I don't much wonder at, for I am much of the same opinion myself. You kindly ask after my health. I am now quite shut up in my room & have been for the last two years- without any prospect of anything but greater suffering till the end, ~~which~~ that I long it may not be far distant I can hardly say how much. But in the mean time

[end 15:390]

Wellcome Ms 5483

I am thankful to be able
to work to the last.

Believe me
ever your faithful "old friend"
Florence Nightingale

5482/53/3 {black-edged envelope}

Private {up diag}

T.P. Matthew Esq MD.
(Army Medical Staff)
Valletta
Malta

5482/54 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead
London NW.
July 29/63

My dear Sir

I confess I had **[9:233]**
some faint hope
that you might
write one review
yourself. But I
scarcely expected
it. I knew you had
no time

If you will ask
the Editor of the
Edinburgh Medical
& Surgical Journal

to give us a good
Review of the India
Sanitary Report, we
shall be very much
obliged. And I
will, as soon as
you have been so
good as to ascertain
that point, send
the two folio copy,
which is not
published, I am
sorry to say, & not
to be sold, to my
great disappointment,

Wellcome Ms 5483

for Officers (whom
of all men one
most wants to
interest) & people
of all descriptions
are asking for it
& even complaining
that the Govt- is
keeping something
back from the
press & the public.
It will soon be
a very rare book.

It was a great
relief to me to
hear no bad news

of Sir John McNeill **[end 9:233]**
Believe me
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Professor Christison

5482/55 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead N.W.
or 2 Cleveland Row S.W.
July 31/63

My dear Sir

[16:579]

I am extremely
obliged to you for
sending me the
Statistical Tables
of the London Hospital.
They are the best I
have hitherto seen of
any of the great London
Hospitals. But I
think, without
altering the form,

Wellcome Ms 5483

they might be drawn
up so as to lessen
the expence

Would it be too
much to ask you
to send me two
or three copies?

I would return
one to you, with the
suggestions which
occur to me

[end]

yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale
W.J. Little Esq MD.

5482/56/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen

Private {up diag} Hampstead N.W.
Sept 30/63

My dear Sir

I have sent a paper
in the India Sanitary
subject to your Section
of the Social Science
Meeting.

[9:246]

Will you be so good
as to get some one
who can read to read
it?

In making this request,
my object is rather to
make another - which
is, would you, in your
introductory Address,
draw public attention

Wellcome Ms 5483

strongly to the India
Sanitary question? It
would be the making
of us, if you would.

My paper is quite
general, & enters into
no details.

A powerful notice,
on your part, of the
Report would have
great influence in
hastening the Govern=
ment's tardy steps, &
enabling us to get
our working Commissions
to carry out the
practical measures
in India - which is the
main point now.

The *home* advising
Commission we carried
yesterday. The India
Office appointed its
two members, Sir Proby Cautley & Sir Ronald
Martin on the Barrack
& Hospital (War Office)
Commission, x which
consists of

the Quarter Master General
Dr. Sutherland
the Asst- Under Secretary of State
the Director of Works
& a member of the Army
Medical Council

Also, after a great
deal of fighting, we
passed the Instructions

x

Mr. Rawlinson C.E. is to be added.

Wellcome Ms 5483

we wanted, which
were written by us {overtop a}, at
Lord de Grey's desire.

So far so good.

But what we want
now is the appointment
of the three Commissions
of Health in India,
one for each Presidency,
to be put in connection
with the home (advising)
Commission.

2. Any remarks of
yours about the personal
hygiene of the soldier in
India, the dieting, the
drinking, the want of
exercise - a subject

5482/56/2

which you have made
so peculiarly your own
would tell with
the Military authorities
both here & in India.
They are very difficult
to convince & we
require whatever help
we can have.
viz. as to the need of
more vegetable &
farinaceous diet to
suit the climate-
of disuse of all spirits,
except under Medical
advise- of more
exercise, occupation,
gymnastics &c &c

Wellcome Ms 5483

I venture to send you
a pamphlet {overtop illeg} of my own on
the popular part of the
subject, reprinted
(not by me) out of the
big Blue Book - It
is at all events light
reading tho' it leaves a
smell in the imagination-

[end 9:246]

Ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Christison

5482/57 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dec 14/63

Dear Sir

[13:45-46]

As a general rule,
I entirely decline such
consultations as you
press upon me -

But with all the
force of conviction of
which I am capable,
I warn you against
the dangerous course
you propose.

If you wish to
try the Water= cure,

go to Malvern to
Dr. Walter Johnson,
a safe, a careful
& experienced man
and *not a quack*.

But were it a
case in which I
had influence, I
should recommend
it to be seen by

Mr. Paget
1 Harewood Place
Hanover Sq-
the first Surgeon in

Wellcome Ms 5483

London, I had almost
said in Europe - &
one who, I pledge
you my experience,
will be more likely
to save you "from
the knife" than any
one.

[end]

I am
your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Wm Brown Eq

5482/58/1-2 signed letter from FP Verney to Lady Blackett, 30 May,
Embley, re: denies a request for an autograph from his sister as she
'holds autographs in horror', encloses an envelope in her sister's
hand to compensate

5482/59 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

115, Park Street.W. {printed address}
March 24/64

Dear Madam

Pet (the cat) will
come up by rail to day-
whither I shall send
for her. If she comes
in time, she will have
the honor of coming
to your house to night,
if she is late, she shall
be sent on Saturday.
I hope, as Pet does
not require a bed=
room & dressing= room

Wellcome Ms 5483

to be prepared, the
uncertainty will be
no inconvenience to
you -

My eyes water at
the idea of seeing
the country at the
beautiful time of
Whitsuntide in your
beautiful house -
But I am so much
weaker & business
is at all times so
pressing now, that I

dare not promise
myself the pleasure.
And, therefore, tho'
I feel your very
great kindness in
offering it, yet, as
you probably are
deciding now on
your movements I
fear I must decline
it.

Should I, when
Whitsuntide is nearer,
I be able to hope
to come, I shall
venture to write &
ask whether you

are going to leave
home at Whitsuntide
& if so, whether you
will receive me for
a ~~fo~~ week or two -
but with the full
expectation that it
may not be convenient
to you then to arrange
this.

Believe me
dear Madam
yours gratefully &
sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

Miss Mayo

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/60/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

Hampstead N.W.
Aug 31/64

My dear Mrs. Clive

It is not want of
interest, as I am sure
you know, which prevented
me from acknowledging
at once the arrival
of a grand daughter of
yours into our world
which, I do think, *is*
really good news -

May all good attend
her & you & her mama
ever yours overflowingly
F. Nightingale

5482/60/2 {envelope}

Mrs Clive
Whitfield
Hereford

5482/61 {black-edged paper} initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.
Sept 5/64

[15:404-05]

My dear Mrs. Clive

I have twice seen {overtop read} the
inscription on Sir G. Lewis'
statue, as ending thus: -

"Secretary ~~of State~~ for War,
from 1860 to 1863."

I thought it was a
mistake of the reporters-
But you may perhaps
like to know the real
dates-

Sidney Herbert died
August 2, 1861. He
resigned about a fortnight
before his death. I

Wellcome Ms 5483

have a letter from
him, dated July 16,
1861, (he was then at
Spa) telling me of his
having put his
resignation in Lord
Palmerston's hands
& of Sir G. Lewis' being
his probable successor.
I have also copy of
a Minute, signed by
him on July 16 as
War Minister. [War
Department boxes
went to him to Spa
up to July 16, 1861] {= beneath the 6 in 1861 only}
Sir G. Lewis was

War Minister from
the end of July 1861
at earliest (indeed
I have seen no Minute
signed by him as
S. of S. for War earlier
than *August* 1861)
till Easter 1863 when
he died. [He was not
a year & three quarters
in the War Department.]

Was it Fox who
said, - "don't read me
history for that, *I know*,
is false-"

Is it not likely to be

Wellcome Ms 5483

so when, while all
those are living into
whose hearts these
dates are branded
with a fiery iron {overtop pan},
there can be on a
public monument such
a mistake, if it *is* there
 ever yours

F.N.

Had Sir G. Lewis been War
Secretary in 1860, I, for one,
could tell of many a
historical fact which
would not have been
(*historical*, I mean, *not*
in Fox's sense)

[end 15:406]

F.N.

5482/62 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:976]

Hampstead N.W.

Sept 21/64

Dear Miss Thornton

I was a little puzzled
at receiving a note to
Ann Woollett enclosed
to me from you this
morning- on the ground
that I might be parting
with her.

So far from being
about to part with her,
I retained her for 6
months (from January
till August) this year

Wellcome Ms 5483

in a hotel where I had
nothing for her to do,
because I did not
wish, & she did not
wish, to part. And
it is not a fortnight
since I have reorganized
my tiny household - no
small addition to the
trouble of a very busy
invalid- on the very
ground that *she wished*
to remain with me -

When Mrs. Forster
returned in the spring
of '63 (?), I gave Ann Woollett

the option of returning to her.
And again I did so, when
I was compelled to go into
a hotel in January of
this year- Ann Woollett
has uniformly refused
to part with me. She
is a very good girl. I
have twice raised her
wages- once quite recently.
But her desire to remain
with me was her own.

I shall, of course, make
her an arbiter of her
own fate - it would be
very unfair to do otherwise.
And it may be that she

has herself written to you,
announcing her wish to
return to Mrs. Forster.
But I shall wait two
days, before giving her
Mrs. Forster's note, in
case you may wish to
answer this.

Believe me

ever yours full of
the deepest regard

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/63 {black-edged paper}

signed letter, 2ff, pen

11/1/65

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

Dear Madam

I merely write one
word, because I cannot
bear that you should
think yours of the 4th=
unnoticed by me,
who was proud to
call Surgeon Major Matthew
my friend, & who
know, perhaps better
than any, the extent
of the irreparable loss

you have sustained.

But I am entirely
a prisoner to my bed
- often, & especially now,
suffering so much
that I cannot even
have my position
altered, so as to have
my bed made, for
48 hours at a time-
& overwhelmed with
business. This must
excuse my delay in
answering yours.

Wellcome Ms 5483

I assure you I did my
very best with the
Patriotic Fund. I even
received a promise
that, if it could be
done, it should be
done -

I will always bear
you in mind.

But I have very
little hope -

I will try again now.
But I anticipate
no farther result.

I will only repeat at
this moment how

much I feel for you
the heavy lot it has
pleased God to lay
upon you, & beg to
remain

yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Matthew

5482/64 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

June 21/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Mr. Rawlinson

On Friday (23rd) at
2 p.m., please, to
meet Mr. Ellis here
at luncheon - He
is very *glad* to be instructed.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/65 {black-edged paper} initialed letter, 1f, pen

June 21/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Will you meet, at
the General Register
Office, to morrow
(Thursday) at 2 p.m.,
Dr. Sutherland & Farr
& other men, who
are going down to
the Herbert Hospital.
Your Committee Meeting
at the W.O. is put
off in consequence -
F.N.

5482/66 {Please note: 5482/66 is duplicated in MS, with a notation
from the archivist as being a 'Numeration error'} signed letter, 2ff,
pen {black-edged paper}

Private {up diag} June 30/60

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir

It was very kind of
you to think of me
as wishing to see
M. Jules Simon -
I wish I could -
But I am a complete
prisoner from illness,
and never leave my

bed, except to see
some of my business=
=Sanitary= people,
which always
incapacitates me
from work for some
time.

We are in all the
misery now of winding

Wellcome Ms 5483

up our unfinished
business, which means=
leaving it unfinished.

And I am afraid
I could not do any
thing merely for
pleasure, however
great the pleasure
thank you very much.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5482/67/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

Private {up diag)

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

Dear Madam

I have nothing good as yet to
tell you - but I should
like, (if you can give me
an address) to write to
you, merely giving you
an account of the steps
I have taken {no success
{as yet

as it may be some
guide to you for the future)

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5482/67/2 {postmarked envelope:} LONDON 3 JAN 11 66

Mrs. Matthew
Nelson Street
Lynn
Norfolk

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/66 {letter number duplicated, with insert by archivist of a
Numeration error} signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

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

Madam

A person, named
Emma Mail, who
wishes to {overtop illeg} enter my
service as maid &
housekeeper (housekeeper,
that is, of my tiny
household) has
referred me to you
- & to Lady Wodehouse
- for her character -

I am an Incurable,
& entirely a prisoner to

my bed. No duties of
a Lady's Maid are
required. But
constant waiting
upon me, & constant
surveillance of my
small household, are
necessary.

Entire trust: worthiness
is the main quality
required-

Of course, she must
be sober, honest,
respectable, cleanly,
quiet.

Wellcome Ms 5483

It is unfair, I feel
to ask these ~~minute~~ searching
questions, when Emma
Mail was probably
never in this
confidential capacity
before -

But I should be
truly obliged, if you
would tell me the
character which
you received with
her - & the reason
why she left your
service so soon -

My sister, Lady Verney,

would call upon you
for this purpose, if
you permitted it -
but she will not
be in London till
next week - Or I
could find a lady=
friend to ask you
for verbal answers,
any day that you
would allow-

Pray pardon a
hopeless invalid, &
permit me to remain

Your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale

The

Lady Harriet Ponsonby

5482/68 {not on film}

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/69 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

June 5/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir John Liddell

It does seem a long
time since I heard
from you - And it
was a great pleasure
to me to see your
hand writing again
& your kind remembrance.

[15:416]

Though I am only
now acknowledging

your note, I did not
fail to honour your
introduction and
I answered your
Italian correspondent,
who appears to wish
to organize something
of the kind of the
United States Sanitary
Commission, at once.

I am afraid the last
hopes of averting war
are over.

I am a hopeless invalid,
entirely a prisoner
to my room. But
I am, thank God,
still able to do my
work - & shall
always remember the
kind assistance you
have always been
ready to give.

[end 15:416]

Pray believe me
dear Sir John Liddell
ever yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/70 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

July 4/66

Dear Madam

I reproach myself
that I could not find
time to write to you
by last night's post
that, afer my letter to you
was gone, I received
the joyful news that
the Patriotic Fund
"will be able now
"to give, as they think,
"assistance" to you "for
the support & education"
of your "children"

It was agreed to
"sanction the application
"of a portion of the
"balance to the purpose
"above stated - that
"is, for the children
"of those who suffered
"in the late war with
"Russia, though they
"should have married
"after the war."

Your letter to Lord
Grey came in very
opportunely. For Lord

Wellcome Ms 5483

Grey "thought the case a
"hard one - if the facts
"were true".

And we had an opportunity
of saying they were.
I will write to you in
greater detail about
this.

At present there is
such a pressure upon
my time & strength
that I am unable.

We hope also, when the
New Act of Parliament
is passed, to secure
some provision for
yourself -

Believe me, dear Madam,
you have no more
anxious friend
than yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Matthew

5482/71 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [auspr]

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

Dearest Madame Schwabe

[15:617-18]

Should not you get out
your advertisements for
your "Sick & Wounded"
as fast as possible?

The great ladies, who,
(to their shame be it
spoken,) subscribe *only*
for the Austrians,
have already got out
their Second List of
Subscriptions.

I would have sent

Wellcome Ms 5483

you my subscription
before, but that I did
not know whether you
were in operation
yet. Nor do I now.
I hope Sir Harry Verney
told you that, if your
son-in-law at Königs pratz
would send me any
specific questions
I will gladly answer
them.
But I have had so many

to answer that I could
not write {overtop illeg} a Treatise
at a venture -
I think, with regard
to sending "goods or
money" to your Sick
& Wounded, we must
wait to know what
they want.
I have not seen any
of your Circulars
yet, & scarcely know
what to call your

Association
ever yours
Florence Nightingale
Madame Salis Schwabe

[end 15:618]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/72 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Aug 28/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane.
London. W.

Dear Madam

You were kind enough to ask for a Photograph of me - I am told that the only one for which I ever sate, by command of the Queen, is not like me -

I have sent your little girl a book which perhaps, as she grows older, she may read with interest, as it is about other people than myself- If the beginning is a vignette from a statuette done, since I have been ill, & without my knowledge by my cousin, Miss Bonham

Carter - the dear author of which is now, alas!, herself gone from this world - I am told this is more like me than the photograph. I was not even aware of the fact if its existence till I came to ask, in order to comply with your request. I also enclose a thing done of me, many years ago, from a drawing by my sister, Lady Verney, with a little owl, which I brought from Athens in my pocket some 15 years ago - & which was a great pet with my family.

Pray believe me, with great truth,
dear Madam
ever your faithful servt-
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/73/1-2 {blacked edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag} Nov 30/66

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

My dear Madam

On the 28th=, as you
have doubtless heard,
the *Committee* of the
Commissioners of the
Patriotic Fund deter=
=mined that you
shall receive in
future the £14 per
year promised for

each child. I hope
& believe that this
determination is
final & to be
adhered to.

I shall not give
up the hope that
when the *Commissioners*
next meet, your
own case will be

farther taken into
consideration-, (*besides*
that of your children,
which is, I trust,
now settled.)

Pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Matthew

5482/73/2 {envelope} Mrs. Matthew

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5482/74 {black-edged paper} signed note, 1f, pen

Jan 19/67

2 Pheasants 35 South Street, {printed address}
1 Hare Park Lane,
London. W.

R. Rawlinson Esq
11 Boltons
West Brompton
with F. Nightingale's
kindest regards

5482/75/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Feb 28/67

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

Dear Madam

I cannot tell you how
much I feel for you,
when I think how you
must mourn for your
only boy - your noble
little fellow -

And I am grieved
to hear that one of your
little girls is so delicate.

I should have
written to you some
days ago to offer my
most heart- felt

sympathy - *but that I
have been so knocked
down with a very
serious attack on the
Chest - for 17 days & {& overtop illeg}
nights I could hardly
breathe. But I
have written to the
-Patriotic Fund to ask
how it is that you
have never heard
from them.*

There has not yet
been any time for a
reply.

Wellcome Ms 5483

No general Meeting or
Parliamentary discussion
has as yet take place.

I have been so extremely
busy that I have had to
carry on things, in spite
of my illness - And
this must be my excuse
for only saying now
how much I am
yours sorrowfully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Matthew

5482/75/2 {postmarked envelope:} LONDON W X FEB 28 67
Mr. Middleton Esqr {this line down to Norfolk in other hand}
Fletcher Abby
W Lynn
Norfolk
Mrs. Matthew
~~Gothic Villa~~
~~{illeg Main Walk?}~~
~~Tunbridge Wells~~

{back of envelope} with monogram and postmarked TUNBRIDGE WELLS A MAR
1 67 and A LYNN MAR 2, {London postmark unclear}

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5482/76/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen {in other hand at top:} **[5:311-12]**

McElliot

What am I to say about this?

FR 30/5

May 30/67

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

Dear Sir Frederic Rogers

I am afraid that you will have forgotten me and, what is worse, that you will very justly dislike being reminded of me.

I come, as usual, in the posture of a beggar-- on all fours.

It is on a matter of some considerable importance connected with the "charitable institutions" of Malta.

These places disgraced disgrace until they were Sir Frederic Rogers Bart

taken in hand by their present "Comptroller", Mr. Inglott, a man of high ability & integrity (an Anglo= Maltese.) And he has raised them not only to a state of great efficiency - but there are few Institutions in Europe which can rival them.

Whether Mr. Inglott is to remain in charge of these Institutions or whether he is to leave them for another office - depends on the following question.

[Mr. Inglott himself knows

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nothing of my writing to you]

Mr. Inglott's salary (£400 a year) is £100 lower than the salary of other Government Officers, although he is responsible for the expenditure of one= sixth part of the revenue of the Islands.

Besides which, it is the only salary of the class which has to be voted: And he has to beg his salary, so to speak, from persons not enlightened enough to appreciate his value or his efficiency.

He has long been considered

as entitled to be paid the same salary, £500 a year as other Officers of the grade. But there is little chance of the addition being given, without annual cavil by the Minority {overtop illeg} on the Council.

Mr. Inglott, who has a wife & children, might be obliged therefore to take his promotion out of his own special Department, for which he is so well fitted - And were this to be the case, the whole work he has so successfully accomplished, would be endangered or destroyed.

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5482/76/2 {printed address upside down:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

In 1864 the question was referred to the Colonial Office- and the result was communicated to Mr. Inglott in a letter, of which the enclosed is a copy.

But it appears that the course followed was not in strict accordance with law- & that some other course would have to be taken, in order to transfer the salary from the "Voted Services" to the {Services overtop illeg} Consolidated Fund. (?)

Could a full consideration of the question be obtained?

I know what Mr. Inglott has done for the "Charitable Institutions" of the Islands - of Malta It would be a great misfortune if his services were transferred to any other Department. I have never seen Mr. Inglott - but I have for years been in correspondence with him. He was in England some years ago about his plans for a Hospital for Incurables & for an Asylum for Aged at Malta - which plans I have given in my "Notes on Hospitals."

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These plans all passed
thro' my hands-

I am {overtop illeg} afraid that you will
think I am romancing
if I say that I have met
with no English or
Frenchman so enlightened
on these subjects - But
nevertheless it is true.
Pray excuse my unwarrantable
breaking in upon you -
You will think that I
never appear but to
molest you - But pray
believe me,

 dear Sir Frederic Rogers,
ever your faithful servt=
 Florence Nightingale

5482/77/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil,
typed copy State Library of South Australia

PRIVATE {up diag} London August 1868

Dear Sir

I should be very ungrateful
(if it were not for my
incessant occupation & my
continual illnesses which
much plead my excuse)
for not having written at
once to follow up my
hurried acknowledgement
for your most kind note
& its enclosure - of June 23 -

 But you will hardly
believe that I have not
known for 15 years what
it is to have 10 minutes
leisure. nor for 11 years
what it is to be well enough
to sit up or leave my room
except twice a year in an Invalid Carriage -

 I must now beg leave to
return your Cheque for £5-
John Ridley Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

-but with as much gratitude as if I had kept it. The Fund for Training Nurses is sufficient. We do not now receive subscription for it. And, although, as you may suppose, I have plenty of objects which require money, yet there is none to which I could devote it more urgent than objects to which you yourself could apply it, - in other words, tho' I am engaged in certain specific pursuits which require money, yet I do not like to spend your £5 on any object which may not be yours. For training Nurses & Matrons, "silver & gold" we do not want, but living heads & hearts & hands like those of your daughters.

How gladly would I see them, as you desire, if I could!-

But at this moment I am not in my own house. I have been obliged, owing to the enormous pressure of work which has been telling upon me for the last 18 months, to be moved & not even to give my address. If at some future time I should have a little more strength & leisure, & you still wish it- how gladly will I comply, & for my own sake & pleasure!

And now I must again thank you for your kindness. It came to encourage me at a time- I will not say of despondency - but a solemn time to me - (every life has its solemn times, if people would but mark them!) For this first week in August

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saw, 15 years ago, my first
undertaking of the Matronship
of a Public Institution -
12 years ago, my return
from the Crimea home,
since which time I have
not revisited this home -
7 years ago, the death of the
best friend & fellow= worker
man or woman ever had,
Sidney Herbert, the War=
Minister, whose great
exertions were the highest
good as his early death
was the deepest loss the
Army - I had almost said
the Country - ever had
5 years ago we finished the
Report of our R. India
Sanitary Commission, which
has, praise be to God &
thanks to the appointment
of Sir John Lawrence as
Governor= General of India
in the same year, 1863,

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borne good fruit both for
natives & Europeans in India.
It is also 11 years this very
day since I was taken ill
with the illness from which
I have never risen again.
You see how much I have
to thank God for who has
indeed led me by a way
I have not known -
At the same time He has
seen fit to send me
troubles & trials like
torrents of waters to
cross which one must
never look downwards.
For, if one did, one would
be too much terrified
to cross at all. I am
almost the last survivor,
of my fellow= workers, tho'
many were but little
older than I. And this
year has seen the death

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of my "Una", who was many
years younger than I.
Life, under this, loses - shall
I say? - or *gains*- all its
value. It becomes but
as a part of eternity.
And past & future
would seem almost
more a reality & a
presence than the present
- were it not for pressing
duty.

I don't know that I ever
wrote so long a letter
about my own things
before. For indeed
I am overwhelmed with
business.

I thank you, again & again
for your kindness which
Believe me, dear Sir,
makes me truly

ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

If at any time you should
wish to communicate with me
& if you would kindly
acknowledge the receipt
of your restored Cheque,
a letter will always find
me, addressed to me,
care of

H. Bonham= Carter Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.

And, if marked "Private"
on the Envelope, it will
reach me unopened.

F.N.

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5482/78 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy State Library of South Australia

Private {up diag} London 17 Nov. /68

Dear Sir

I have never acknowledged your last kind note of Oct. 19- It was not however forwarded to me till some days after Mr. H. Bonham-Carter had received it (by some mistake) And he informed me he had acknowledged it.

I keep the £5 Cheque *in your name* (which you were kind enough to *re=* inclose,) as you insist upon it- And in your name I will give it away, when I have found an object which I think you will believe suitable- writing you word of its destination. tho' I had rather you had found this destination yourself.

You sometimes speak sorrowfully of the overwhelming evil of this world. So indeed do I. But I hope you think hopefully as I do of the crisis of to- day.

Looking at the social reforms, the free trade, the Corn Law repeal, the

administrative reforms, the educational [this folio is also 9097/8] reforms, reforms in governing our great dependencies, such as India, religious reforms, financial reforms, Sanitary & commercial reforms which have followed, directly or indirectly, the great Political reform of 1832,-- may we not trust & believe that greater things than these may flow from the Political Act of this day, 1868?

You know perhaps as I do what it is never to have 10 minutes' leisure- & will excuse this short & tardy acknowledgment.

Pray dear Sir believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

John Ridley Esq

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5482/79/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy
State Library of South Australia

London January 7 1869

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure
of informing you what I
have done with the £5
which you wished me to
employ for you.

Believing, as I do, that
the only real charity is to
put persons in the way
of productive & remunerative
work who, from physical
defect, intellectual defect,
moral defect, are incapable
of fending it for themselves
- and this the Poor Law
might do for them, at least
John Ridley Esq

to a considerable extent
but declares it impossible-
- I have given in your name
£2.10 to the East End
Emigration Fund which
has, by migration & emigration,
provided permanent employment
for about 1750 poor persons,
of the most unpromising
materials, nearly all of
whom are doing well - and
this at a cost of less than £4 per head.
-And I have given in your
name £2.10 to the
Adult Industrial Home
which is a private Institution
issuing no reports, set
on foot by 3 poor ladies,
who have, under their own

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supervision, enabled poor women, deficient in intellect, deficient in habits of temperance,- who would be otherwise picking oakum in the Workhouse or doing work, - to do Laundry & other work, by which they earn considerable wages & have besides a share in the concern= according to the productiveness of their labour & their good conduct. But these ladies, who furnished the original "plant" themselves are now desirous of building a Laundry & making the Institution otherwise

independent, which they continue to supervise. I trust that you will approve of the use made of the two sums, both of which have been acknowledged with many thanks - & beg that you will believe me, dear Sir, ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

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I had almost forgotten to say,--
in answer to your generous
wish to "contribute towards"
a "monument to 'Una'"-- that
a rich merchant, whom I
am forbidden to name, but
whose singular generosity
first made "Una"'s work
possible- for he actually
undertook the whole
expences, about £1200 a
year, of her Workhouse
Nursing Establishment,
till the Vestry, convinced
of its value, assumed them
itself- and these and
many other works has he
done for his native town -
has insisted upon defraying
the whole cost of the
"monument", which he has
undertaken to erect to the {overtop illeg}
memory of her public
service F.N.

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5482/80/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 3ff, pen [this folio is also 9097/9

London Jan 28 1869 [16:764-65]

Sir

The question you have put to me is one very often put to me - & one impossible to answer except by those on the spot.

I could certainly send you the names & Regulations of Cottage Hospitals already established- or refer you to persons, as at Wrington, Warminster, Wirksworth (in Derbyshire) who have established Cottage Hospitals & would send you their Regulations.

This would be the way to rid myself of all trouble & responsibility-

But in each case, the people & especially the Medical Men about a place should first judge of the necessity of a Cottage Hospital. And then & not till then, if all are agreed that a Village Hospital is necessary, ~~then~~ let them proceed to obtain the best site, the best plans, to fulfill all Sanitary conditions.

Within my knowledge, a Cottage Hospital

has been the means- not of lowering but

of raising the Death-rate of the sick.

For 1. whenever it is proposed to construct a new Hospital, the first & most important question which ought be to be answered is: whether the Hospital is necessary.

2. Hospitals are a hard necessity of an inferior imperfect civilization- in which they are (& were) great boons to a certain class of poor persons- But as it is a proved fact that, supply the same Medical treatment, Nursing and Medical comforts to the sick poor at home, these recover better than in Hospitals, we may hope that they will be gradually replaced by such a system of District Nursing.

3. It is a serious thing to introduce a Hospital where from time immemorial there has been none - & where no public demand has been made for one - And this for many reasons.

4. There are other great dangers attending the agglomeration of sick in large Town

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Hospitals- But these dangers are of course

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very much less liable to occur in small village Hospitals. The chief question in regard to projected Village Hospitals is the one already put, viz. are they necessary?

5. It may be safely admitted that, in certain Districts, -(principally large Mining or Pottery Districts, where there are many accidents- or {overtop illeg} no convenient rail= road= or other communication with County Hospitals-) a Village Hospital would be an advantage. But it by no means follows that in other Districts similar Hospitals are necessary.

In the proposed case, is there a necessity which has been pressing on the public notice & conscience of such a nature that the establishment of a Village Hospital ought no longer to be delayed? To this question a clear & decided answer ought to be given- And, while giving it, the projectors ought to show that the need, if it exists, cannot be met by sending cases to Plymouth or Exeter.

The moral aspect of a Village Hospital

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ought also to be considered with reference to the classes for which it is intended. Except in, e.g. severe Surgical cases & the like where all the appliances of a first= rate Hospital may be required, is it wise to withdraw the sick from under the care of their families & neighbours & from under their own roofs, & to have them tended by other hands elsewhere? -

6. This is a very peremptory question. Suppose all the circumstances are favourable for establishing a Village Hospital, the next question is one of position, & amount & kind of accommodation the proposed building is to give. It is always dangerous to bring sick poor from very humble country dwellings where they have fresh air about them into even better quarters in an unhealthy village. Hence, unless the building be well placed & well constructed, it may become a source of danger instead of benefit to the sick poor concerned.

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The greatest care should be bestowed on this consideration, if the Village Hospital is to exist at all.

In short, a mere benevolent desire to benefit the poor in this matter can never exempt from the responsibility "of looking at the proposal on every side - & then deciding whether it is best or worst to give effect to the idea.

By the same post, I send you an account of District Nursing, as it exists in a large town where, of course, it undergoes many more difficulties than it would have in nursing the sick poor at home in country districts.

I am a woman, overwhelmed with cares & business & ill-health- business which for 15 years has never left me 10 minutes' leisure- ill= health incurable which keeps me a constant prisoner to my room

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But, should you finally decide on a

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Village Hospital & wish me to revise
the plans, I will gladly give them
all the attention in my power.

[end]

I beg to remain

Sir

ever your faithful servt-

Florence Nightingale

Wm Lavers Esq

5482/81 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

{up diag:} No: as you say

the present War

Ministry will not do

much for us -

35 South Street, Feb 20/69

Park Lane,

W. {printed address}

Dearest

I send back your two
notes about & from Mrs. Berridge-

I am very sorry to say
that we have not the
shadow of a vacancy at
present. But Mrs. Wardroper
has written to Mrs. Berridge
saying that if she would
fill up the required Form
&c &c &c -

When we are in new St.
Thomas', we shall, on
account of the very much
larger No= of Patients, be
much more elastic in
being able to admit extra

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Probationers. At present, it is not because we could not create more accommodation for Probationers, as because it is such a bad thing to have too great a proportion of Probationers to Patients;-- there is not work enough or experience enough for training properly.

I am sure that our Committee will stretch a point to admit Mrs. Berridge - as soon as possible - provided she is not afraid of '*training*' - as many are -

We should be so very glad if she is competent & turns out well, to have one recommended by some one '*near of kin*' to our Founder. We have some very nice women too - but many ups & downs of course - I heard from the Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Hospital of your coming & support. They were so much pleased. Thank God, as you say, that the Hospital is re-opened.

God bless you-
ever, dearest, yours
F. Nightingale

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5482/82 {black-edged letter} signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South Street, May 12/69
Park Lane.

W. {printed address} [10:96]

Dear Mr. Chadwick

How can we thank you
enough for your bold onslaught
at the Society of Arts?

I had already heard of
your prowess there- And
now you have been good
enough to send me copies
of the Debate which is
one of the greatest importance.

I had already said all
I can at present say - in the
R. Indian Army Sanitary Report.
My paper is in the Appendix,
& has been reprinted by
Stanford of Charing Cross,
as a small red book
I think I sent you a copy

But, if not, I will.

Also, I think I sent you
a copy of a small paper
of mine, called: How to
live & not die in India-
published now by Longmans
at /6d-

[end 10:96]

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/83 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South Street, May 14/69

Park Lane,

W.

{printed address}

My dear Sir

How can we thank you
enough for your new (& Third)
Edition of the "Practical
Hygiene," of which you have
had the kindness to send
me a copy.

I have only had time
to read the first few
pages on Water - But
I mean to read it straight
through - & will then try
to thank you as it deserves.

It is, I am sure, the
most complete Digest of
E.A. Parkes Esq MD

facts regarding the great
Sanitary cause which
at present exists.

Pray believe me

my dear Sir

ever yours sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/84 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Aug 30/70

Madam

[15:691]

I hasten to answer your note of Aug 25, which I have only just received.

I sympathize most deeply with your desire to help the Wounded in this awful War.

May I beg to suggest that you apply to the "Society for Aid to Sick & Wounded"
2 St. Martin's Place
London W.C.

where you will receive & give every information, & where the names & qualifications are registered of ladies

willing to volunteer as Nurses.

None are sent except on a written application for them from some authority of either Belligerent.

The Society requires some Hospital experience, besides being able to speak & write French or German, & an engagement to the Society - which pays expences in some instances.

I wish you God speed with all my heart & soul in your desire to be of use. There is an use which almost every lady can be of

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in this dreadful overflowing
of Wounded which has
baffled all calculation,
& which appeals to all
who can do anything for
them. This is to collect
any of the Articles of
which I enclose a List
& to transmit them to
the Storekeeper
2 St. Martin's Place
London W.C.

Enough cannot be sent to
the Wounded on both sides.
We are earnestly solicited
for more & more. In many
of the Field. Hospitals all
appliances are wanting - as

well as a sufficiency of
Surgeons.

It is urgently requested that
local Sub-Committees of
Ladies should be formed
for the purpose of
collecting such like Articles.

With every kind wish
for your success in the
desires of your hearts,
pray believe me

Madam

ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
Miss Alice Rowland
Scarborough

[end]

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5482/85/1-6 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 9ff, pen & pencil

{in other hand up diag:}

[15:701-04]

answered

26th Sept {in other hand:} 8th September 1870, shd be 7th

My dear Miss Torrance

I hope you will know that I have never ceased to think of you & your work - which is one of the pleasantest contemplations, tho' an anxious one, I have & that I can never forget what is ever present (to my mind & heart).

I think of you as you will be by, I suppose, Michaelmas- & how great a work you have undertaken in God's name - And I hope

that you will be so good as to remind me to do what you want - anything I can.

I have been & am so busy, as you perhaps may have supposed, in the "Aid Society" for the Sick & Wounded in this awful storm of war which darkens the world. At first there was such confusion in efforts to assist, that it was almost despairing {overtop despairing} work But God does put things to rights. And I do

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think real & efficient
help is being given from
here- at the different
battle fields. Even if you
have time to read the
accounts in the "Times",
you cannot conceive the
horrible details we have
from the agents of our
"Society"-

At Gravelotte on the 18th=
there was "a space of 4
miles by 8 covered with
the dead & wounded". And
the neglect of the French
wounded, perhaps inevitable,
after the battles of the 16th=
& 18th= surpasses every thing

even I could have imagined.
To one who have seen that
kind of thing on a small
scale (for really now I
look upon the Crimean War
& the American War as on a small scale) - seen
& tasted of its horrors-
you cannot think how
unutterably hideous &
ghastly this War is &
this unimaginable carnage-
-it is not a War but a
massacre.

Neither do I believe that the
Hospital & Medical
arrangements on either
side, French or German,
or of their "Aid Societies,"

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can have been so good as was said- as such awful want of every necessary could not have been seen so long after each battle (among those who could not be removed by Rail).

The contributions which flow in ~~to us~~ now to our "Society" are most generous & unwearied_ Still there is no pause in the pressure & need - every week has double the numbers & necessities- they were so unparalleled & unforeseen - & the numbers passed all calculation (of Wounded & Sick-)

We have now Depots not only at Luxembourg but at other places. We pour in about 4 Tons a day of light goods by the quick trains- concentrated meat, biscuit, other food, wine, chloroform, surgical instruments, lint, linen, &c - besides heavy goods, like blankets- which go direct from the Warehouses.

These Depots are under the charge of our best Agents- who are in daily communication, as we are ourselves, with the chief centres of necessity -

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the ~~country~~ temporary Hospitals in
the whole country & villages
round Sedan & round
Metz- & with the French
& German "Aid Societies"- &
telegraph to us what is
most wanted - which is
sent off at once -

The chief Agents & Surgeons
in our employment have
also credits of money to
spend on the spot.

But much of what is
sent, waterproof sheeting,
old linen, English lint,
chloroform &c &c &c, can't be
had on the spot. And the
poor sufferers say, there
is nothing like what the
English send them.

I try to tell you only
what you will not hear
from the papers.

We have now 45 Surgeons
& Agents at work on the
spot, & at the two centres
of the most pressing
suffering.

I could not tell you the
difficulties we have
ourselves had to struggle
with in organizing anything
useful & in establishing
communications.

Here in England as well
as there we have been
very much touched by the
excessive kindness of
poor people, National

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[3]

Schools, people giving of their
necessaries as well as of
their superfluity, school=
children & working girls,
giving either their play time
or their whole time to
make lint & bandages, &c
clergy even in poor
parishes giving their
Offertories & collections,
bed ridden infirm people
working for us. &c -
Yet, the wants of the Sufferers
grow & grow, always
larger & larger than our
supplies.
I cannot think that there
are less than 200 000
Wounded - besides Sick.

We have sent from Paris
some good French "Infirmiers"
to the field near Sedan.

Nurses at this moment
we are not asked for -
because, wherever women
can go (& be efficient)
there are at present, both
in France & Germany, quite
Volunteer women enough,
in addition to their
numerous Nursing Orders,
both Protestant & R. Catholic
[- I heard from Kaiserswerth
that they have sent 60
Deaconesses to the front.]
And, in the most exposed
places, like the country
round Sedan & Metz,

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where all the Hospitals
are extemporized places
in the fields & villages,
you can fancy that men,
like the French "Infirmiers",
who take their cooking
utensils & a fourth of
a tent in each man's
knapsack, & shift both
for themselves & their
Patients, are of use,
where women are of none
or only in the way.
I thank God who has made
our "Society", in the midst
of this dreadful hurricane
of war, of some use, tho'
it be but a drop or a
crumb of comfort -

French Clergy, both Protestant &
R. Catholic, are attached
to our Field Hospitals.
Thank God that there is even
a prospect of peace-
And pray that it may
be soon- Pray for all
these sick & dying men
- & for the starving wives
& children- the poor people
driven from their homes
& entirely beggared- I saw
a little of that in the
Crimea- But oh what
was that to this? -
Such an unutterable woe
& horror has never fallen
on Europe, not only not

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[4]

in Christian times but
hardly even in barbarous
times.

The Guillotine in the French
Revolution seems to me a
merciful death compared
with this suffering.

Acres of wounded, especially
French, even after they
had been removed under
some kind of shelter &
received some kind of
first dressing, appear
to have been left with
nothing under nor over
them, no food, water or
wine, cleanliness or attendance
From the proportion of Dead
to Wounded, which is

unspeakably larger than
anything I ever heard of
before, thousands must
have died of sheer want
after having been wounded
But perhaps this was in mercy -
I trust that you are well-
I shall be so anxious to
hear of your arrangements
about Nurses & Assistants,
Cook & Steward & the like.
I am sure that you will
excuse a very hurried
note - for I am overdone
with writing, writing, writing
- thankful only if it does
the least good in the end-

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But I thought you would
like to hear how we are
getting on.
Don't think of us. But
pray for the sick & dying
& the famine stricken people,
Oh pray for *them!*
Would you, if you see Mr.
Wyatt, tell him that he
does not know what a
pleasure & a comfort his
most kind note was to
me - that I have been
meaning to write & thank
him for it every day -
but that the quantity of
writing which has devolved
upon me has been so large
that I am obliged to ask you

for the present to make
my excuse & give my
thanks. But I do not
mean to give up the
privilege of writing to
& hearing from him.
I must always look at
the improved Workhouse
Hospital work as *his*
work.
If you are so good as to
write to me, please write to
old address, 35 S. St_
I must not forget to
apologize to you about
not answering your Telegram

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[5]

on ~~the~~ July 24 or 25 - It came
to me some hours after
I had returned the List
of "names" to Mr. B. Carter-
-they were only sent me
for a kind of general
opinion- And as I
was in a sort of "drive"
of business at the time,
I begged him, while sending
on the Telegram to him,
to explain (& answer it) to
you -

God bless you - And He
will bless you -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I send you our Circulars,

not to trouble you - but
merely because you may
like to see the sort of
things we are asked for.
I have been interrupted
continually while writing
this hurried scrawl-

Excuse it.

Take care of yourself.

F.N.

Sept 7/70

7.a.m.

5482/85/6 {postmarked envelope}: J DERBY SP 7 70

Miss Torrance

Highgate Infirmary

Upper Holloway

London N

[end 15:703]

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5482/86 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South Street, Nov 16/70 [15:739-40]
Park Lane,

W. {printed address}

My dear Sir

I send, with very many
thanks, the £2.2 for
which I am indebted -

I am afraid I shall have
to trouble you again.

But, at this moment, I
am up to my chin in the
countless horrors of this
most horrible of all
Earth's Wars.

I do not hesitate to say -
that the State of the
Crimean Hospitals when
all England rose in horror
[illeg name crossed out with thick line]

& at its worst was
better than that of the
Prussian Hospitals before
Paris & before Metz
when at its best -

& that the Death- rate (tho'
of course information
is still most imperfect)
in these German Hospitals is so high
as to be almost unparalleled.

I do not like to give you any
figures- because they are
still untrustworthy- It is
higher than that of the French -
However, you will be glad

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to hear that we have
most gracious & graceful
letters from both Crown
Prince & Crown Princess,
"speaking in the names
of all Germany" - so
that Germany is at least
not ungrateful for all
England has done -

[Since Sept 1, we have sent
£57,000 (odd) in goods
& £30,000 (odd) in cash
to Germany alone, for her
Sick & Wounded -]

Nor is poor France, (who
has received at least the
same,) ungrateful, I assure
you. We receive such

touching letters - Not to
mention what England
is doing for the Starving
Peasantry round Metz &
round Sedan!-

One letter says that the
French Peasantry "look
upon England" as "like God".
Indeed England has been very
generous-

[end 15:740]

Will you particularly thank
{illeg name crossed out with thick line} for me for
so kindly choosing for me
the Masticating Apparatus
which is come & promises
to be very useful?

Pray believe me
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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5482/87 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}

35 South Street, March 31/71

Park Lane,

W.

{printed address}

My dear Sir

I cannot help writing to you **[9:648-49]**
a line by this mail, though it
must be a hasty one, to say
how truly grieved I was to
hear of your illness- a matter
of the deepest regret - as your
recovery which I trust is
perfect must be ~~a matter~~ of
sincerest congratulation to us all.

With regard to the chief subject
of your letter, viz. its scheme,
our own view has always
been from the very beginning
that all Medical Officers (Civil)
paid by the State for any purpose
should be fit, & also available,
for all purposes. We would
include, so far as we know,
not only Vaccinators but all
Civil Surgeons throughout India
Jas M. Cunningham Esq MD
&c &c

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They should all pass, so far as we
can judge, under the Sanitary
Commissioner; - they should report
to him, & execute his instructions.

Sir C. Adderley's Royal Commission
here has recognised the propriety
of making all Poor= Law Medical
Officers in England Sanitary In=
=spectors. This R.C. have
included it in their Report, &
have placed the whole Sanitary
administration including Mr.
Simon, the Privy Council Medical
Officer- not under the Director
General (which is what you fear
for India) but under the
President of the Poor= Law Board
This is a great reform
Of course circumstances differ so
widely between England & India
that, where we speak positively
in England from our own
experience, we can only collect

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* [paragraph at top of page]

[I see that you say, in your letter to Dr. Sutherland,
that "to make him" (the Local Sanitary Commn) "hand
of the Medical Civil Officers of the Province" would be
to "abolish his Sanitary work altogether, for he cannot
possibly do both" - This is undoubted.]
from India the best experience
we are able to command from
the best Indians.

But your scheme will have, so far
as we can see at present, our
best support. *

I had meant, before this, to write
fully my opinion in detail,-
(which is one only of admiration -
& encouragement to go on & do
more)- on your last Annual
Report- on your devotedness to
our great cause - & also about
your opponents - "The more difficulty, the more
Glory" -

But again I must put it off.

[end 9:649]

You know now heavily this outrageous **[15:785-86]**
War - the Sick & Wounded on both sides
& then the dreadful starvation in Paris
& France- (wretched Paris! who seems
determined on Suicide & on destroying her
own child, the Republic.) have weighed

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on my strength & time. England has
strained every nerve & every purse to
help both French & Germans. I do believe
that not one man, woman or child
above Pauperism but has given what
they could - & more than they could,
to those who can never give again-
[Indeed, we have had no "halfpence"
but many "kicks" from those
whom England has served so largely-]
- I include India in England -
And I have been quite touched by
repeated small sums I have
received from poor negro congregations
in the West Indies from National
Schools- from illiterate Chapel
congregations for these purposes] -
Our "International" (Red Cross) Society
alone raised £300,000, besides
valuable contributions in material,
for the Sick & Wounded - our
"Mansion House Fund" poured in
£125,000 worth of food into starving
Paris - our "War Victims' Fund" operated
about Sedan & Metz- & several other "Funds"
I am now trying to get back to my usual
work. But my strength fails me severely.

[end 15:786]

Believe me
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5482/88 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 1f, pen

Dear Mrs. Schwabe
Do not put me to the pain of refusing to see you -
It is for me impossible
There are no degrees in the impossible -
ever yours affectely
F. Nightingale

April 13/71

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/89/1-2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Private {up diag}

London June 1/71

Sir

I beg to thank you for your kind note with its accompanying pamphlets - & to wish you all success & God speed in your wise efforts to promote one of the greatest causes of the world in this day.

[7:762-64]

I have thought, ever since I have been able to think of these things at all and wiser heads than mine- abroad have thought- that Emigration it is which, by allowing the enterprise & energies of England's working men to find their proper outlet & exercise in colonizing new lands, saves England from these tremendous convulsions which now, by rending & destroying Paris, agonize all France & disturb all Europe.

If France would or could emigrate, ~~she~~ might be saved too.

Such is the opinion even among some wise men even in France -

The cleverness & vigorous life which Frederick Young Eq

exist so pre-eminent in Frenchmen find no use in spreading population & "civilization" (the Frenchman's favourite dream) except in ideas of conquest.

The inborn longing to possess land, which must appear natural enough when one considers that all food must first be got out of the land - that, as Populations increase, all the Free Trade in the world will not feed them in abundance, prosperity & vigour of mind & body, if more land is not put under cultivation & habitation -

[In France there *is* no more land to be put under cultivation- in England, very little- nothing in proportion with our enormous increase of population - but England has colonial lands which may well be called immense, immeasurable. France has none but 'play' Colonies]

this inborn Land= longing, this natural Land= instinct, implanted in us for our very

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preservation, drives the enterprising Englishman to the Colonies- The enterprising Frenchman can only have land in France- and he is taught from baby- hood that everything out of France is exile, (unless indeed it be conquered in war.) The very best & wisest motives in our common human nature are thus diverted & distorted in the Frenchman to ~~the~~ engines of destruction - to the wildest, maddest theories - theories meaning nothing but a denial of the first elementary principle (known to every child above Pauperism here) - that capital is & can only be the result of work, honest toil & saving - theories that capital, the fruit of the frugal, industrious population (none more so than that of France) is to be divided among the idle - with arms in their hands.

We see the end of all this in the last week at Paris - most dreadful week of our life-time - of this world's life - time- This French Commune, the origin of some of whose ideas is perfectly sound, takes to itself literally 7 Devils worse than itself- (and it is curious to mark how all these come from countries where the same causes have been at work as in France- warping the vigorous principle of manly independence & toil & enterprise) & burns itself down with its own hand

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And thus our first & most natural instincts
become the remote causes which drive
Frenchmen to terrible excesses than which
the history of Barbarian affords no worse-
to this most barbarous of disasters in that
most 'civilized' of worlds - And all in the
name of Liberty, prosperity, Public Right &
'Civilization'!-

But who can tell what England might do, did
she not pour her multitudes over the Atlantic
& over the Pacific, & found fresh nations,
as the Parisians dream of?

England really is, or might be, the civilizer of the Earth,
as the Frenchman pretends to be, did all here
understand Emigration ~~here~~, as you do. And may
this frightful example at Paris open their eyes!!

Excuse my long delay - excuse still more this
rambling answer written among interruptions.

I am so overwhelmed with pressing occupations &
increasing illness that any general correspondence is
almost impossible to me. Pray believe me, Sir,

ever your faithful servt-
Florence

Nightingale

Were the French Govt=, instead of shooting the workmen,
to sentence them to rebuild the buildings they have
burnt down, it would not only save life, but it would
teach these working men the first principle- that it is *dearer*
to burn down buildings & destroy capital than to work for it.

F.N.

5482/89/2

{postmarked envelope:} LONDON W 11 JU 3 71

Frederick Young Esq
10 Russell Road
Kensington
W.

2/6/71

5482/90 {black-edged paper} initialed note, 1f, pen

London July 17/71
Florence Nightingale begs to
thank Mr. Colin Rae-Brown,
very much for his kindness
in sending her his work

"Noble Love"- just received

Wellcome Ms 5483

F.N. in great press of business & illness)

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/91/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

(Direct: old Address)

London

August 12/71

[12:191-92]

Dear Mr. Whitfield

I have been a long time
answering your last kind
note, in which you apprised
me that you were going
to write to our Committee
about your "altered position".

I should have answered
it immediately by begging
you not to desert us
at least for the next two
or three years, but see
us safely started in new
St. Thomas'- but that
I deemed it more respectful
to you & to our Committee
to ascertain first what
you had written to them-

Finding that you have
not yet done so, I can but
R.G. Whitfield Esq

reiterate my earnest hope
that you will stand by us
& give us the benefit of
your invaluable guardianship
at least for the present -
though I should be sorry to
think that we were a trouble
to you in your new position,
when perhaps you want rest.

[I cannot but deplore exceedingly,
(altho' it is not my business
to do so,) what I am sure
is detrimental to the success
& good government of any
Hospital- viz- its not being
under a permanent Resident
Medical Officer with
undoubted charge & authority
but only under temporary
changing House Surgeons & Physicians, {House overtop illeg}
by whatever name called-

Wellcome Ms 5483

This arrangement, if it is made,
I fear St Thomas', who ought
to be a model in every thing,
will find reason to regret.]

I do not suppose that anything
much can be done, (I am now
returning to our Probationers) in
"Medical instruction" till October
- I mean that the new Hospital
will not be function= ing- excuse
a mongrel word- regularly till
then-

I trust that we shall then be
able to induce you still to
consider us, tho' only women,
among the number of your pupils.
And in the meantime let me
thank you again & again,
dear Mr. Whitfield, for the
{illeg} care, assistance &
instruction which you have
given to our Training- School

& for these 11 years past, ever
since its beginning,- which
beginning indeed could
never have been made but
for you- In saying this,
I am but appreciating the
more our invaluable Matron
who would, I am sure, echo
what I have said.

I will not now take up your
time further, which is, I am
sure, fully occupied, but
will only ask you to believe
me, dear Mr. Whitfield,
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

[end

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{postmarked envelope, showing in part:} MAT{LOCK} AU 12 71
R.G. Whitfield Esq
Manor House
St Thomas' Hospital
Newington
London S.E.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/92 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen

London Jan 3/72
[15:495-96]

Madam

No "introduction" is needed to me if anything can be done to further the cause which is always nearest my heart, the Soldiers' good -

And, tho' I have been obliged to make it a rule not to give my "name" where I cannot give my work, yet where the proposed course seems such a good one I would gladly do all in my power.

There are however many considerations, doubtless not foreign to you, which need to be looked at: -

the primary cause of the evil is that troops coming home should be quartered at such a place as Portsmouth

and secondly that they should be paid their savings in a lump.

Practically the two things together operate by making the men look forward on arriving to a course of licence until they are Miss Ellice Hopkins

either ill or until their money is all spent.

It appears to have often been considered whether it would not be better to send the returning men to other Garrisons & to refund their savings by degrees.

But nothing has been done & the present proposal is to hold out a more healthy inducement to men than the Public-houses.

It is feared that the men who arrive with the expectation of a debauch will not be restrained by any such consideration as that proposed to be held out to them.

There may be some, but the great majority would, it is stated, not avail themselves of it.

Moreover, Portsmouth cannot be judged of by Aldershot, where the circumstances are quite different.

This, however, does not appear to me to detract from the duty of trying.

At all events, it would enable the better men to escape - & their example might influence others.

Wellcome Ms 5483

If one felt that there was a chance, one ought to try to start it.

I don't know that one could say more without more information.

It is stated that there is a good Sailor's Home at Portsmouth which is successfully worked.

In a Report on Day-rooms 10 years ago we showed that there was *then* a Soldiers' Institute at Portsmouth supported by voluntary contributions (& at which the Officers gave lectures.) Every Barrack is slated now to have its Day & Recreation Room. And there are several Missionary agencies for soldiers & sailors doing much good.

Great change has taken place within the last 20 years.

This would seem to indicate that those desirous of starting a new Institute should be able to shew all the facts to prove that they are not perhaps undoing somebody else's good work -

Of course your correspondent is aware of what is being done already -

Would it not be advisable for her to send me & others an account of this for information in order that we might, if possible, co-operate with her?

[end 15:496]

Will you excuse this letter?- I am so overdone with work & with illness which keeps me a constant prisoner to my bed that it is difficult for me to write one not absolutely necessary line -

I wish this work God speed with all my heart & soul- & am only anxious to know how best to help in it.

Pray believe me

Madam

ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

Any letter *to the care of*

Miss Torrance

Highgate Infirmary

Upper Holloway

London N.

will always reach me.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/93/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 4ff, pen [8:343-44]

35 South Street, Jan 27/72 {'27' overtop 28}
Park Lane,

W. {printed address}

Sir

Again I must say: I
cannot thank you enough
for your never-to-be forgotten
kindness in supplying me
with invaluable information
upon this subject of home
Lying- in Statistics & in
so generously offering to
procure more which
but for you would be
unattainable -

I do most eagerly close
Dr. Braxton Hicks

with your kind offer
out of your "consulting practice"
to obtain "privately the
"amount of deaths during
"the *past year*. Suppose
"I could" (you kindly say)
"before 3 months are over
"obtain those of 20-
"probably equalling 100 each -
"in town & country- this
"would be an instalment."

It would indeed- I
do not know whether I

any way

should bring out a "second
Edition" of my little book
on "Lying- in Institutions"
(which you are good enough
to enquire) "before 3 months
hence"- But I know that
it would be quite worth
while for me to wait- even
a longer time for so
precious an "instalment".

I will therefore most
thankfully *snatch* at your
offer.

Wellcome Ms 5483

I have carefully studied
the most useful packet
you were kind enough
to send me.

Do you think that his Form
(the M.S. one I re-inclose)
would be better for having
the *Date* of Death - altho' that
would appear in the 'Result-Date' certainly-
- & also some provision for
registering the state of the
Lying- in woman 30 days
after Delivery?
I see however that you think
this test insufficient.
I beg to enclose a printed

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

form of Registry which the
Birmingham Lying- in
Charity have adopted
at my instance & to
ask you whether you
would think well of this?
I am extremely grateful to you
for your remarks on the
first part of my little book. {my overtop q}
Doubtless you are right
as to the general Pathology
of Puerperal Fever- But
this may be almost an

Wellcome Ms 5483

impertinent thing for *me*
to agree with you - since
I do not of course consider
mine a competent opinion
on the *Medical* aspects
of Child-birth- I am
the more obliged to you
for giving me yours- the
experience & ability
brought to bear upon your
practice being so very
large.
If I could make you
conclusions more *popularly*

known in any new Edition
of my little book this
in itself would be a thing
worth doing.

I must again apologize, tho'
I will not weary you with
repeating this, for the
unavoidable causes which
have delayed my answer
& beg you to believe me
ever your faithful
& grateful servt=
Florence Nightingale

5482/94 {black-edged paper} signed note, 1f, pen

Jany 1872 {in other hand}
Accept I pray you, my old & only apology
-that of over work & increasing illness -
for this long- delayed & meagre answer
to your kindness-
And pray believe me
Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/95 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:346-47]

35 South Street, March 9/72
Park Lane {printed address}
London W.

Madam

I should scarcely have
ventured to hope that you
would have remembered one,
to whom you were so kind as
to send rather more than
three years ago your valuable
sketch on the domain of women-

But Madame Ida Schmidt -
Zabiérow encourages me to do so-
And she also thinks that you
will not disdain a copy of a
little book of mine on "Lying=
in Institutions", which I hasten
to lay at your feet - by no means
Frau Augusta
von Littrow- Bischoff

thinking that the Midwifery
part of it will interest you
-but only hoping that, as
your great subject is how
to raise & educate & employ
women, you may find some
attraction in the ~~object~~ object
we have in England to make
Midwifery a career for educated
women -

In this the instruction given at
Vienna & Berlin used to be
far before that of England -
Indeed there is not now at
this moment any recognized
course in London which a
woman must go through before
she can act as Midwife-

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And I have hoped that you
would perhaps kindly furnish
me with a simple sketch
(in answer to Questions) to be obtained
from the authorities of the
Midwives' Clinique at Vienna
of the Instruction & Examinations
required there.

But I have not ventured to send
these alarming Questions to you -
If you are graciously disposed towards
a view of our necessities, I refer
you to Mme= Ida Schmidt-Zabiérow
to whom I have sent them,
knowing that from her hand
may be acceptable that which
I could not presume would be
tolerable from mine - tho' I am
aware of your great kindness in

permitting applications to you -
Mme= Schmidt- Zabiérow has
been good enough to send me
the Compte Rendu of last year of
your "Frauen=Erwerb Verein", which
& its great usefulness have I
need not say interested me
extremely- I wish it all
the progress in prosperity it
deserves- which is saying a great
deal!

And now, trusting, Madam,
that you will favourably receive
my very humble little book,
nor think me too presumptuous,
permit me to call myself
(tho' in great press of business & illness)
ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/96/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

London

Nov 8/72 [16:773-74]

Sir

I beg to thank you for
sending me a copy of your
"Hospital Prayer Book" -

I am afraid that,
overladen as I am with
illness & business, some
time must elapse before
I can do what you ask
in the way of examining
it thoroughly-

May I beg you, as
you seem to require an
answer, to accept a very
brief one for the present?
Dr. Waring

In all the Hospitals with
which I am connected,
what is recommended in
your Preface is done,
more or less closely.

We have great satisfaction
from the results of
morning & evening prayer,
conducted in their wards
by 'Sisters' of the wards
(Head Nurses).

In many Hospitals with
which I am not connected,
the same thing is done:
each following its own
method: very good, in
many cases -

Wellcome Ms 5483

I do not quite understand
for whom "Part II." is intended

If for a 'Minister', he will
certainly choose his own
method.

If for a 'Lay Reader,' as
certainly almost.

If for a Head Nurse, a
great deal more variety
is necessary (& ought to be given
in a published work) - for *daily*
prayer.

{ 'published work' overtop illeg }

Omit "General Exhortation"

p. 78

Omit "Prayer for Bishops & Curates"

p. 86

Omit "Prayer for Queen & Royal
Family" except on Sundays -
Give a much larger selection

of Collects, to be chosen
amongst & varied

Have a Morning Service
different at least for
Mondays & Wednesdays
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Fridays
Saturdays

& an Evening Service (different)
- prayers, Collects & Benediction
different for each- & even
a variety to choose amongst.

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Hymns printed too small:

"One Hundred Large Type Hymns"
(Taylor: Edinburgh-)
a favourite selection for sick.

Excuse the brevity of these remarks

which I understand you to ask for
& pray believe me ever your faithful

[end]

servt= Florence Nightingale

5482/96/2 {postmarked & black-edged envelope} LONDON W 5 NO 8 72

E.J. Waring Esq MD
49 Clifton Gardens
Maida Vale

W

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/97/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

London November 18/72 [12:228-29]

Dear Sir

I have been compelled to delay this further answer to your letters of October-, October-, Oct. 16, & Oct. 27.

And you will no doubt agree that it is unnecessary for me now to enter into any discussion on the various points mentioned in your letters.

It is right however that I should distinctly state with regard to any supposed alteration for {overtop fix} the plans of instruction to be pursued in our Training- School that my only wish is & has ever been to see carried out the system begun by yourself- and it is because I am satisfied that (in addition to other serious difficulties R.G. Whitfield Esq &c &c

which threaten the welfare of the School) for some time past the services formerly & at the beginning so ably rendered by you could no longer be counted on that I concurred in thinking that your retirement was expedient.

To arrive at this conclusion could not be otherwise than most disappointing to me.

I might add that the strong expressions used you in objecting to the appointment of Miss Torrance- a step which after much deliberation & as the result of an intimate personal acquaintance & in accordance with Mrs. Wardroper's desire I had recommended

Wellcome Ms 5483

to the Committee appeared to offer but an
additional obstacle- I regret much
this difference of opinion on a subject
of so much importance.

It is impossible to suppose that you are
not aware of the feelings of gratitude
always entertained by me for the kind,
able & fatherly part taken by you
in establishing our Training- School -
which without your aid would not
have been effected. And it is one
of the deepest regrets of my life
that this part was not continued.

I have ever acknowledged your powerful
advocacy both before & since the
establishment of this School of principles
which I have sought to enforce.

Those principles are still the same; and
I am still the same -

I will most gladly avail myself of your

liberal offer to present the School
with the valuable objects mentioned
in your letter of Oct. 27 which
I will communicate to the Committee -
(by some mistake this was not done
at their recent Meeting.)

I thank you sincerely for your good wishes
& beg to remain
dear Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:229]

5482/97/2 {postmarked letter} B ROMSEY NO 19 27 {appears 27 is
reversed, shd be 72} {text in other hand vert in marg not transcribed}
R.G. Whitfield Esq
St. Thomas' Hospitale
Westminster Bridge
London S.E.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/98/1-2 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 5ff, pencil [8:483-84]

Miss Cameron July 14

My dear Miss Hill

First of all: let me tell you
how very much interested I am
by Miss Cameron's letter.

I should tell her clearly
my view of the enormity of
the C.D., Act.

But it appears as if this
"Act for the Immunity of Sinners"
might while it lasts be used
for reclamation.

The Government may say
what they like: but the Act
makes no practical provision
for any reclamation

You might ask Miss Cameron
what she thinks of such a
scheme as that of St. Michel,
it is this:

to let the Government for the
present stick to its own
"most filthy bargain"-

but to separate the
subjects into classes

Sick Class

Education & Work Class

with Religious Training Class - &
with the {overtop &} various agencies for
strengthening the wills & souls_
of the poor girls
for the awful future contest

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& then placing them out
either at their own homes
or to gain an honest living.
This is what I mean by using
the Act for reclamation.

The Government assert that their
object is: not to 'provide
healthy prostitutes', but to
shield these poor girls
from the danger of seduction-
~~Will you~~ and, when seduced,
diseased, & cured, to send
them back to their homes,
& place them under the
best influences-

Will you ask Miss Cameron

what steps the Government
can take to further the
objects that they have
in view?

If the efforts of the Government
have been unsuccessful,
do not let Miss Cameron
believe that to "license
& regulate sin" is their
object.

Let Miss Cameron consider well,
& consult with any she
may think right, and
then say

what steps the Government
can take -

whether they are ill served-

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what, *in fact*, can be done -

P.S.

[One thing proposed is
to bring *both* sexes under the
C.D. Acts. seeing that no
individual, man or woman, is
justified in spreading disease-
- and the man or woman
who being diseased, has
connexion, ought to be punished.

Ask Miss C. what effect
she thinks that such a Law
would have- It is thought
that it might prevent many
a man by a wholesome fear
[I do not myself hope much
from such ~~it~~ or from any Act.]

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If Miss Cameron could
spare a day & night
within the next 3 weeks
-or from Saturday till Monday,
I could give her a bed,
- and it would perhaps be
more agreeable to her to
talk all this over with a
woman, like me, who has
had but too much
experience of these matters.
She must kindly give me
several days' notice, if
she comes:
because I am so busy -

She would of course
kindly allow me to
bring her up & back
without expence to her-
God speed the work
which will not brook
delay!

ever yours affectely=
F. Nightingale

14/7/73

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/99/1 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 6ff, pencil [8:490]

35 South St
Park Lane W.
March 14/74
(night)

My dear Miss Cameron

I am going to write to you
to offer you a *Matronship*: & at the {offer overtop illeg}
same time it gives me the
greatest *pain* to do so -

I fear that you will
accept it.

It goes to my heart
to think of your leaving
Portsmouth: for then
farewell to all the good
you are doing:

And I feel almost sure
that the Admiralty will
raise your salary, if
you stay: perhaps by
annexing a Home -

We are asked for a Matron
to the Soho Square *Female*
Hospital in London:

- salary £80 rising to £100 {rising overtop illeg}
per annum: And we are
asked for an immediate
answer.

There is a *Ladies'* Committee:
-also a Hospl= Committee,

composed of Gentlemen- ~~& the~~
-*Medl*- *Staff*,

-there is *Matron* (to be replaced
Secretary by us)
one Head Nurse
a Staff of Nurses

At the present time the
government of the Hospl=
is not satisfactory:
Medl= *Staff* & *Hospl*- *Committee*
at variance:
& also *Medl*= *Staff* at
variance with *Matron*

The Hospl= is good &
comfortable, especially the

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wards for paying Patients:
there are 75 65 beds, of which
25 for paying Patients:
good ventilation, but
wholly neglected:
lifts }
baths }
sinks } on each floor
W.C s }
-good Operating Theatre.
-wards from 2 to 9 beds
each- one of 10 beds.
-Nurses' sleeping rooms fairly
good: 2 in each room
-Head Nurse 2 rooms: apart
from other Nurses.

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-Matron 2 good sized rooms,
rather shabbily furnished
-Out= Patient Dept= on ground
floor
-Kitchen, Scullery, Nurses'
Dining Room in Basement:
- also Wash house & Laundry
(VERY bad plan)
Only 50 beds now occupied:
some wards closed -
House Steward (or Secretary)
does Housekeeping & Stores
Matron supervises Nurses &
Nursing &c &c

(as of course she ought)
But Medl- Staff are trying {are overtop is}
to take Nursing into their
own hands.
Present Matron can only stay till
25th=
But temporary arrangements
might be made, as
of course they will
get no Matron worth
having to come at
10 days' warning:
But they must have an
answer BY Tuesday evening -

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Now, dear Miss Cameron,
pray consider this
as a decision so serious
that I grieve . to give
you so little time to
think over it.

Write your decision to
Mrs. Wardroper at
St. Thomas' Hospital:
if you cannot make up
your mind on so
important a point
before *Tuesday morning,*
then *telegraph* to Mrs.

Wardroper- on *Tuesday*

MORNING

We would recommend you
for this -
But I must earnestly tell
you that we never
think it wise for any
lady (& I always
impress this upon every
lady)- to take a
Matron= ship with
a number of Nurses
neither engaged by her
nor trained by us -

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without our making
conditions for her that
she is the Female Head
(in reality as well as in
name)- responsible
solely to her Committee-
-& with the Nurses
responsible solely to her
-with full power on her
part to engage as well
as dismiss them: subject
only to appeal to the
Committee - & reporting to them:
At Soho Sq. we are NOT

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asked to make such
conditions as we deem
necessary: always-
And there appear a great
many warring elements
in the Management -
Much tact & judgement & patience
will be necessary.

At the same time, I cannot
GUARANTEE the Admiralty
raising your salary at
Portsmouth: tho' I believe
they will.

I enclose an account of the Wards
of Soho Sq. Hospital, which please
Return to Mrs. Wardroper.

I have laid the whole
case before you -
God speed you in
whatever you do for
His sake -
yours affectely but anxiously
F. Nightingale
I am compelled to go to
my poor mother (my
Father died) again at
once. Please write to me:
Embley Park
Romsey
(Hampshire)

{not F.N. hand:}
I am using the Admi
ralty to raise your
salary, but can not
say with what success.
H. Verney-

Wellcome Ms 5483

5482/100 {black-edged paper} signed letter, 2ff, pencil [8:369-70]

April 16/74

Sir

I feel very sorry that the constant pressure of over work & illness makes it very difficult to reply to all those who have long= standing claims upon me: & almost impossible to give general answers: especially as it were miscellaneous answers in absence of all knowledge. {upon overtop illeg}

The first question is: what is meant by the "Medical profession"- (for Ladies)?
William Nightingale Esq

-I have given my view on this subject, tho' not as strongly as I *could*,-- after long consideration: especially in the Appendix to my "Notes on Lying- in Institutions"- Longmans - My view is, generally, that ladies should devote themselves either to Nursing or to *Midwifery*: & that, if there is ultimately to be a Female "Medical Profession" in this or any other country, the best, or rather the only, way

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to it is: thro' ladies really
making themselves
accomplished Midwives -
i.e. Physician Accoucheuses.
{Perhaps you contemplate a
M.D. degree.}
IfAs your daughter is too young
for a Nurse, I suppose
a good general education
& household management
would be the best preliminary.
For Midwifery, some Latin &
French would be useful:
but she should only enter
on *professional* education

after a certain age: of course
I wish her God speed in so
noble an object
& pray believe me
Sir
ever your faithful servt-
Florence Nightingale

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Wellcome Ms 5483 originals, microfilm, miscellaneous volume;
correspondents: John Morley, Ellice Hopkins, John Bright, CBN Dunn,
Mrs Swann, Mr Yeomans, Mr Marsden, ed of Good Words, Miss Towson,
Belfast, James Knowles, Mrs Dowding (Fanny's mother), Spottiswoode,
Higginson, Rose Adams, Emily Deane, Sir Douglas, E. Sieveking, Richard
Temple, re Mrs Roundell pub of Agnes Jones, Capt Armitage, Dr
Armitage, Lady Aberdeen, Mrs Holmes re admitting Lizzie, Miss Mochler,
Lord Reay, Evatt in 1886 asks re el prospects, H. Power, Mrs Power,
Manchester, receipts from Est for Gentlewomen during illness,
Henrietta Stewart, 124 pages

5483/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Abbotsleigh
Church Road
Upper Norwood S.E.
July 6/75

Sir

I am very much obliged to you for your kind
note of yesterday's date.- in answer to
an application by Sir Harry Verney to you for
us for a Saloon Carriage on Thursday & Friday
[Our plans are little altered by circumstances
connected with illness with which I need
not trouble your kindness.]

Could we have now

(1.)

(1.) a *Saloon Carriage* (with conveniences for
Invalid & door through to Servants' Compartmt.)
& a *Carriage Truck & Horse Box*

	on <i>Thursday</i>	July 8		
<i>St. Pancras'</i>		Ambergate	{ as	
11.50		4.5		{ mentioned
		<i>Cromford</i>		{ by you
		4.18		

(2) and only a *Saloon Carriage* (with conveniences ditto ditto)
on *Friday* July 9

<i>Crystal Palace</i>				
<i>High Level Station</i>		<i>Cromford</i>	{ same	
to meet same train		4.18	{ train	
(11.50 <i>St. Pancras'</i>)			{ as above	

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Would it be possible by your kind
intervention to have the
Saloon Carriage on each day
or, if that is not possible, the one from
St. Pancras' on Thursday
put on between 4th to 7th carriage from Engine?
in order to avoid the shaking?

I beg to thank you again for the trouble
you are so kindly willing to take : to request
that you will be so good as to telegraph the answer.
& to remain Sir

To the your obedt servt.
General Manager Florence Nightingale

5483/2 signed note, 1f, pen

To the School- mistress } 35 South St
at Wellow School } Park Lane W.

July 10/76

5 old sheets &
2 very old "
Please to darn,
turn where required:
& if necessary use one of the 2 oldest sheets
to patch the holes in the corners &
middle of the better ones:
return when done:
& oblige yrs ffully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. G. Wright

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/3 signed note, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Dec.3/76

Dear Madam

I am sorry to find that I cannot send
"Mr. Darcy", the cat, to Derby till, I believe,
Thursday. I hope this will not
inconvenience you. I will write the
moment I can fix his train. And he
will also write his habits by my hand:

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. G. Wright

5483/4 signed note, 2ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Dec 6/76

Dear Madam

"Mr. Darcy" will be taken to Derby
to-morrow *Thursday*: & will be
started from there by the train
which I mentioned to you before
arriving at *Nottingham*, I think, *1.50*
if you will be so good as to have
him 'met'.

I enclose his "habits", according to your kind
desire.

He will be strange at first: but I am
sure he will soon attach himself
to you: he is such a very affectionate
animal. And if your servants
are as fond of him as ours are, he
will give no trouble: his conversation
is ~~so~~ very agreeable - tho' he is shy -

If you are so good as to write to me
about him, please address

35 South St.
Park Lane ♡
London W.

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It is curious how human, animals which
live with humans become - He knows
quite well that he is going away: & is
sad. but you I am sure will be
patient with him: & soon comfort him.

in haste

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. George Wright

5483/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Address: on Popular Culture

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Dear Sir

Dec 9/76

It is very good of you to respond
to my appeal.

I do think your Address would be
most useful to Elementary School Teachers

Lately: on a Schoolmistress of this kind
asking me to give her Carlyle's Hero-
worship, I, tho' always overworked by
business & illness, wrote out for her
(as an antidote) on the fly leaves the last

two pages of your Address -

I should have been very thankful both
for her sake & my own to have given
her the whole.

If you are so good as to "direct" your
"Printer" to send me 50 copies:

I shall be truly obliged. Cheapness
& "cheap paper" not so much an object
as to save the readers' eyes -

I would willingly invest in the magnificent
sum of /6d a copy

I shall look forward with eagerness to
your further address - promised us
to the "Elementary Teachers" in particular
I think I can engage that your proposed
Volume will find one large purchaser,
at least; & many readers.

With many thanks, pray believe me
ever your faithful servt

John Morley Esq Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/6 signed letter, 3ff, pen [1:813-14]

London May 19/77

Dear Madam

I am quite sure from my own experience in long past years that the way indicated in your little book "Work in Brighton" & in your letter which accompanies it is the only true way:

I agree with Mrs. Vicars whose work will be ~~as~~ immortal like herself that to begin with Penitentiary work is like beginning at the end.

I could back your & her much larger experience with my own of past years: when e.g. being a young woman I tracked a motherless girl of 13 years ran her to earth in a vile row of houses in the suburbs, left a fly standing at the end, & entered one of these vile houses after another till in the last I found my girl. She let me take her hand & so lead her down the row, put her by me in the fly & drive her off to a Home, not a Penitentiary, where late at night we were taken in.

I cannot think how 'ladies' can call it 'loathsome work.' Those were blessed days to me.

(but our Heavenly Father ordered my path otherwise). { What is 'character' given to us for but to help those who have none?

I bid your work of "Associations of Ladies for the Care of the Lost" 'God speed' with all my heart & soul & strength. It is the one true way: the only way of reaching & putting the lost into safe places where salvation may reach them.

[To smuggle them into servants' situations at once is to 'lose them, ~~selves~~ &/to destroy others.]

Wellcome Ms 5483

these poor prostitutes as well as the happy homes, He will help your Associations or whatever scheme he judges best to save them.

It is not altogether from the dislike I have to presumptuously giving my poor name where I cannot give my work, that I hesitate considering what would be best for the cause in considering your request -

{pen} Indeed I do not think it recommends a cause for me (or any one) to give as it were an Advertisement or a Testimonial "on a slip" in the way you propose

Still I will do as you like.

But would it not be better, if you print a new edition, that anything I should write should be introduced some how by you in a Preface

I enclose something of what I think might be said: tho' if it is to be put as a sort of 'avant coureur' advertisement, the part about "prostitutes": & also perhaps the words "pure" & "sacred" & "imperilled" will for the reason you give have to be left out.

I re-inclose your own slip:

& will acquiesce in what you think best:

May God be with the prostitute & her helper!

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Miss Ellice Hopkins

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/8 signed note, 1f, pen

[6:631]

Lea Hurst
16/7/77

My dear Sir

I am very sorry to trouble you: but it *would* be a great comfort to accept your kind offer of sleeping here.

The Patient has been out of bed, shouting, & I believe stripping off his shirt - And the Nurses had great difficulty in getting him into bed again. They are very much alarmed by his paroxysms: especially as I could not allow a man to go in to help them. His cries could be heard all over the house, poor fellow - tho' He is quiet now.

Yours very faithfully
C.B.N. Dunn Es Florence Nightingale [end 6:631]

5483/9 signed note, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst Aug 30/77

Dear Mrs. Swann

We had felt very uneasy at not hearing anything from you: I was afraid you were ill.

I am thankful to hear that you are quite well now; & able to come home, please God, on Saturday:

I send a Cheque for your acceptance of £2 to help you to leave Manchester more comfortably:

yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen

India & Irrigation:} (archivist 418} 35 South St.
Park Lane W

Sept 18/77

Sir

[9:759]

Pray forgive me for writing to you:
Your speech at Manchester on the necessity
of water to render future Famines impossible
for the poorest, the most industrious peoples
in the world, - makes me cry for joy &
pity. If we had given them water,
we should not now have to be giving them
bread, - & to see the children die by thousands
for the want of it.

When I read your noble speech, I knew

that God had heard our prayers: - that
some statesmen, like Mr. Gladstone
agitating for Bulgaria & Bosnia, might
agitate the country for India & Irrigation:
so as to say to the Government: '*You shall.*'
I venture to send you a poor pamphlet of mine
on the subject. & may perhaps take the liberty
of sending you something more, which has at least
the merit of being short.

Pray believe me, as I rejoice
to be, ever the most faithful of your servants

Florence Nightingale

[end 9:759]

Rt Honble

John Bright M.P.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Lea Hurst

Oct 23/77

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that I have another applicant for your kind attendance, that is, *Widow Henstock*: (next door to the parents of Adelaide Peach who died) Her ordinarily weak state is now aggravated by a severe cold:

2. *Widow Limb*:

I have the blank forms sent me from Buxton to fill up, including that

for a Medical Certificate which, it appears, must be filled up by you *within 3 days* of the date of Admission, Oct 31.

I will forward it to you on the 28th.

I think *Widow Limb* would very much like to be ordered a stimulant by you: but do not trouble yourself to answer this, unless you wish to order such.

3. You have not been kind enough to send me *your Acct.* for the departed troops &c &c &c

Yours very sincerely

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen

London March 1/78

Sir

Believe me that I deeply feel - as who
can help feeling? - an interest in the
"Balaclava Commemoration Society".

[14:1032]

Will you accept yourself, & will you
present to your comrades the warmest
thanks I have for the pleasure &
honour you have done me in
sending me the precious little red
book with the names of the survivors
of that never to be forgotten day?

Mr. C. Aldous: Secy.

I should like to send my warmest
good wishes to every man of them,
if it were only possible: - as I do in my
heart. And these are my heart's wishes:
that those who have shown themselves
such noble men in the field, such gallant
& true subjects of our God, & our Queen & Country
- may show themselves at home, where
there are perhaps more terrible enemies
to our country to fight - in vice & meanness
& ~~selfishness~~ selfishnesses, & pettinesses of all kinds -
as good & gallant British men & soldiers.

May the "Balaclava Commemoration
Society" commemorate its glories *daily*
in such a glorious fight as this!

And may I be admitted as one of
them!

"Onward, comrades, onward, go!"
if I may honour myself by calling myself 'comrade'
of yours

Your letter to me is dated last June: but
I have three excellent, tho' very unwilling
reasons for not having answered it
sooner:

one is: that I am, & have been for years,
a prisoner to my room from illness:

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another: that I am overwhelmed with
work:

but the principal reason was that I
wished to have offered for your kind
acceptance an engraving of Miss
Thompson's picture of Balaclava
I find it will still be some months before
this engraving is finished: perhaps not
till your next Anniversary.

Where may I send it, when ready?

Again thanks & again for your kind
remembrance of the Soldier's ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:1032]

5483/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen [1:814]

23/3/78

Dear Mrs. Swann

I am always glad to hear of you -
and I hope you are quite strong now.

I had heard from Mr. Haywood, the Lea
School Master, that good little Patty Cottrell
did not come to School. (which I was
almost sorry for: as I hoped, now especially
that attendance at School is compulsory,
she would be let go to School till she was
13 years of age.) But if she has a good

place & is likely to keep it & if they
look after her to keep up her reading
& writing, I hope she may do well -
I will give a sovereign to help her with
clothes = & you will judge best whether
to spend half for her now: & half 6 months
hence IF she keeps her place -
I will send the money to Mr. Dunn.

I am glad that Mrs. Cottrell goes on improving:
I wonder whether the house is any way improving.

[I have not heard before from you = you ask]
Thanks for your news about little Independent &
for your enquiries after me = I have had
a very heavy winter;

God bless you = yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

London: March 23/78

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[6:633]**

35 South St
Park Lane W
March 29/78

My dear Sir

I hope you will be good enough to let me have
your Acct. of this Quarter for all your kind attendance
upon our poor Lea Hurst folk -

Very many thanks for your kindness to old
Lyddy Prince whom you have pulled through
wonderfully.

And I hope if any others of our old friends
still want attendance, indeed I am sure, you will
give it: & if, when it gets a little warmer,
you think Widow Limb would benefit by going
to Buxton, I would gladly pay if you would

kindly arrange it: - & also look after Lizzie Holmes
Mrs. Swann wrote to me to ask, if I would do
something in the way of clothing 'Patty' - the
daughter of your old Patient, Mrs. Cottrell, - who
it seems has a place in Crich. And I told
her that I would send her £1 through you,
if you would be so very good as to trouble
yourself with it:

I hope to God this terrible storm of
impending war with Russia will pass away,
Miss Irby is still at Knin in Dalmatia,
feeding 6000 starving fugitives at Stermice
& many thousands at different places:
besides her 2000 children at school.

I trust that you & Mrs. Dunn are
well notwithstanding this second winter **[end 6:633]**

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely
(in haste)

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/15 signed note, 1f, pencil

{archivist: 80890} Lea Hurst
Aug 5/78

Dear Mr. Yeomans

A poor cow or beast in the pasture has such a very bad cough - I don't think it stopped coughing for 10 minutes during the night. It tried to eat but could not. It was under the birch at the corner of the garden wall *below* the Drawing-room windows till long past day light this morning. There were two there with bad coughs: but one much the worst.

yrs sinclly
F. Nightingale

5483/16 signed note, 1f, pen

35 South St W Lea Hurst
My London address) Cromford, Derby
Messrs Gunter Sept 14/78
Gentlemen

Would you be so very good as to prepare
at once a pint of *Chicken Panada*
send it *as soon as possible* to a great Invalid

Madame Werckner
6 Stannard Road
carriage paid Graham Road
by Parcels Delivery Co. Dalston
if you do not send so far
(WITH ACCT. TO ME) & oblige y

[2]

I have told *Madame Werckner*
to order anything at your house (in my name
that she likes. & you can have the
Acct. immediately *paid* by sending
it with this to my housekeeper

Mrs. Legg
35 South St. W.
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/17 signed note, 1f, pencil & pen

[6:634]

Lea Hurst

Oct 11/78

Dear Mrs. Holmes

I am glad to say that dear Lizzie can be admitted into Buxton Hospital on *Wednesday* the 16th. [I am writing to accept the bed: & to say that should she require 3 weeks more at the end of her 3 weeks, I shall be only too glad to pay]

I will take care to have her Medical Certificate signed by Mr. Dunn to go with her
Could you or Lizzie come & see me on

{pen}

Monday about 4 or 5 o'clock ?

Please say which, if either, is convenient.

[I am afraid I shall be gone before Lizzie returns.]

But if there is anything particular that Lizzie requires to go to the Hospital & you would let me know *before* Monday I would get it for her.

May God speed her recovery!

affectly yrs, & always thanking
you for the milk F. Nightingale **[end 6:634]**

5483/18 signed note, 1f, pen

Lea Hurst

Cromford. Derby

Oct 25/78

Sir

Pray accept my thanks for making up the "Nurses' letters" into so pretty a little book.

I enclose Cheque for £2.11.

& remain your obed serv

Florence Nightingale

Mr. George Marsden

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/19 signed note, 1f, pencil

Jan 27/79

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Miss Helmsdörfer

I have had something like an
attack of prostration with
trifling Erysipelas which I
am afraid must prevent my
having the pleasure of seeing
you again to morrow.

I am so very sorry -
Could I see you, shall you
have time, the last
opportunity before you leave
England?

My whole heart is in your
work. God bless it & you
yrs ever

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/20 signed note, 1f, pen

Packet from Miss Frere
returned to Mrs. Forster
by Lady Verney's desire
with Florence Nightingale's very warm
thanks for these most interesting papers
& very anxious sympathy for our terrible
sorrows in S. Africa: God speed us
14/2/79 {printed address, vertical} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

5483/21 signed note, 1 f, pen

London June 4/79

Sir

I assure you I have not forgotten
the engraving of Miss Thompson's
picture of the Charge of the
Light Brigade which I was
anxious to send the 'Balaclava
Commemoration Socy' -

I had already ordered it.
And it will be delivered to me
as soon as published. [I believe
it is not published yet.]

Under press of business & illness
pray believe me
your & their faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Mr. C. Aldous
Secy to
Balaclava Commemoration Socy

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5483/22/1 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

"A *Missionary Health Officer In India*"
10. South Street, \{printed address:\}

[10:262-63]

Park Lane. W.

To the Editor 17/6/79
of "Good Words"

Sir

In reference to the 'Note' or 'P.S.'
at the end of my paper with
the above title to be
published in your next No., -
in which 'note' it is stated
that the Poona fires form
part & parcel of the present
agrarian Deccan riots, -
- you will have seen by the
Telegram in yesterday's "Times"
that the "incendiaries" have
been tried & have "confessed"
that they were defaulting
Clerks, who burned the
palaces to destroy the
proofs of their guilt

& that they had nothing to
do with the Dacoits.
I believe those who are best
informed consider that this
"confession" means nothing
beyond the every day
experience in India, viz. that
any amount of false witness
can be had, even at the
cost of their own lives, (which
will not be the case in the
present affair) from witnesses
for the sake of their 'caste'
or their league, 'agrarian' or
otherwise:
& that the Poona business &
the Deccan riots ~~have to~~
are from the same source.

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viz. agrarian 'indebtedness' & agrarian troubles.

~~do with each other.~~

But as the Judges on the trial have found otherwise, & as my 'note' may possibly give rise to some disagreeable correspondence for you, I write to ask *whether you would wish me to make some alterations - (a few words would do it) - before the type is broken up & the Number published:* in order that there may be no statement in the paper which can be successfully challenged.

Pray believe me
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:263]

5483/22/2 signed envelope, 1f, pen

Immediate {pencil} *Wait*
To the Editor
of "Good Words"
56 Ludgate Hill

Florence Nightingale
17/6/79

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5483/23 signed letter, 2 ff, pen [10:263]

"A Missionary Health Officer In India"

June 26/79

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

To the Editor
of "Good Words"

Sir

In answer to your kind note, may
I say that I am not "disappointed"
at the curtailing of my article
by you, who are the only person
to decide on these matters -

But may I also say that I cannot
but be "very much disappointed"
at its having been thought right
to curtail a paper without
referring it back to the writer,
who is the only person to say
how it is to be curtailed?

Is it usual for an Editor to take
any other course than, when
he wishes a paper in any way
recast, to return the proof
to the writer, with his own
remarks & wishes noted upon

the margin?

No instance recalls itself to
my remembrance of a different
course: & I need not say that
in every case, the Editor's wishes
were scrupulously obeyed.

To me this Article was not
so much an Article as a
means of calling popular
attention to one of the most
burning of India's burning
questions: And this was
the cause of its being published
for *July*. Yet that very part
is left out, rendering it useless
for my purpose - And in
August it will be too late: &
the 'note' or P.S., ~~out of date~~
calling attention to the stoppage of
public works, out of date & out of

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place.

Would you be so good as to inform me *what space is available for Part II*, as you wish to have it?

I could not write a paper, (especially under the severe stress of *overwork & illness* under which I always am), without knowing what I may expect to be inserted:

And I am sure that you will not only pardon but agree with me in saying this.

Would you be so good as to send me the ~~Proof~~/Revise of the whole "8 ½ p.p.", from which the present Article was abridged?

I need hardly remark to your experience that it is impossible

to give any account of a Sanitary Commissioner's annual work, (which was to have been the subject of the second Part,) worthy of "Good Words", in 1 ½ p.p. and the 'Note' or P.S., with other parts, in the first, will have to be entirely recast for the second.

Pray believe me

Sir

your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

[end 10:263]

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5483/24 unsigned letter, 2 ff, pen
[10:264]

"A *Missionary Health Officer In India*"
10. South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
June 30/79
6 a.m.

Dear Sir

I am obliged to you for
your kind note . I am sorry
for your troubles with "publishers"
& "contributors".

I beg to return the parts -
not inserted, - recast & enlarged,
(for your August No., if you wish)
~~please)~~

It is impossible, as you will
see, to hook on to this 'note'
Part II, - which is a narrative
of some years' Sanitary labours
previous to the Famine, ~~whose~~
the only unity of which with Part
I is: that they are labours
of the same man & in the same
country but ~~illeg~~ they have

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absolutely nothing to do
with the Deccan famine
or the Deccan riots.
~~I will give~~ In fact, the only
reason for putting Part I,
(which is Part 2 in point
of time) first, was
because it seemed important
to have that about the Deccan
riots now in the July number,
when people are startled
by them
[Else, Part I , & Part II, when
you see it, - might as well,
as you will observe, appear next
month or next year]

I will give you Part II for
a subsequent number, if you
wish -

Would you be so good as to
let me have a Revise (or Proof)
as soon as possible ? of this?

And, if you would be so good
as to let me see any alterations
that you propose making, I
shall be truly obliged.

I very much regret that,
entirely a prisoner to my ~~own~~
room from illness, & unable
to see any but with long standing
claims of business upon me,
whose name is 'Legion", - it
is impossible to me to make
an appointment to see you
{bottom of the page missing}

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any changes or curtailments
made before they go in.
as any papers I write
are merely an offset from
my other work: & I can
ill spare the time, - but I
cannot spare it at all
except for a *practical* object.

Begging that you will
excuse this explanation &
hoping that I have met
your wishes & the wishes
of your 'Space',
{bottom of the page missing}

[end 10:264]

5483/25 signed letter, 2 ff, pen, black-edged paper

[1:215]

10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Feb 10/80

Dear Mr. Buxton

I send you a Cheque
for my Acct., which I am
sorry did not come before.

I thank you very much
for the Oak Table which
is a very precious
recollection to me.

You know that my
dear Mother is gone
home. She rests by
my Father at Embley.
All the people followed
her to the grave: I could
have wished that you &
some others from Lea Hurst

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which she loved so well
could have been there.

The coffin was quite
covered with beautiful
white flowers, wreaths
& 2 crosses, & a crown -
Our trained Nurses sent
a beautiful cross & wreath.

You & I can remember
Lea Hurst almost from
the first: & go over our
recollections together.

My dear Mother came
to me on January 5, the
6th anniversary of my
Father's death. She took
a long last look which
I never can forget at

the picture of his monument,
murmuring to herself his
name afterwards - as
tho' she would say - 'till
we meet together in the
Heavenly kingdom I
shall not see this again.'

A fortnight after she
went out for the last time.
She then had a bad cough,
but that passed away:
but she could take nothing
& on Sunday night, just
after midnight, Feb 1-2,
she closed her own eyes,
her own mouth, folded
her hands, & passed away
like a tired child.
She had repeated her
favourite hymn, "My God,

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"my Father, while I stray"
& the Lord's Prayer,
with a clear voice, (which
she did repeatedly).
Then when she could
neither speak nor swallow,
Mrs. Shore repeated the
Lord's Prayer - And she
stretched out her arm,
& beckoned, & waved
it over her head in a
Gentle triumph, as if
she would say "I'm dying,
it's all right." Then she
saw someone we could
not see, & a smile
like a bright light
overspread her face -

With kind regards to
Rebecca & your family
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

5483/26 signed letter, 8 ff, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

10. South Street, [8:987-90]
Park Lane. W.

Xmas Day

1880

My dear Miss Mochler

As soon as I received
your welcome letter, I
answered it: but alas! my
answer was never destined
to be sent - Our troubles
were so great: Shore's illness
- he was at Lea Hurst
unable to move when
his father died at Embley
- poor Mrs. Shore's Irish
afflictions: & many others,
too sad to tell.

I will therefore try &
recapitulate now - (I have
only been back 3 days from
Lea Hurst, where I had

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to crowd weeks of parish
business into the last
fortnight) - about
the people you care most
to hear of & have been
so kind to.

I have no good news
to tell you of *Adam Prince*
tho' I beseech you to go on
writing to him. He drank
for a whole week at
Crich Wakes. At Holloway
Wakes Mr. Wildgoose or I
gave an entertainment
every night but one. And
much drinking was
prevented. But Adam
Prince was too sick to come.
What his mother calls
'labourer's wages" are 19/
or 20/ a week: but he rarely

makes up the whole week
-he is either too ill or too drunk,
or pretends that he does
not go to work, in order not to
pay his mother - She looks
broken down = I saw her of course
Mr. Dunn has been attending
her again.

I am afraid Adam is
getting radically unsteady
& of broken health, thro'
drink. He will not
now belong to the Institute.
He might easily earn 28/
or 30/ as quarryman
during this open weather -
But he does not.
I fear he blackguards his
mother sometimes. He will
not pay her rent.

I know not what to do.

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2. My account of *Alfred Peach* is still worse:
he has drunk 10/ out of
20/ sometimes. And his
wife has left him! &
gone with her baby to
live with her mother: {pencil} still
working at the Mill.
{pen} He was found by Mr.
Rendell, the preacher,
dead drunk in the road
at night: & had to be
dragged out of the road
by Mr. R
{pencil} *His* mother ~~too~~ is quite
broken down: I believe he
does not pay her. [His wife
earns as much as himself]
Louie is so much better that
Mr. Dunn is able to pass her to
go on ye Women's Club: but she
is still on meat & milk. Or she
would starve.

[2]

3 I don't know what you will
say to me: but instead
of taking any off the *milk*
List, as I fully intended, I have
actually had to put more on.

It is a misery & humiliation
to me: but while the
men are drinking; ~~the~~
& smoking - (smoking is
immensely increased) - the
mothers & sisters are
starving & working to the
bone -

No good comes of the
high wages.

[Chr. Day 1880
to Miss Mochler]

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4. The two poor little *Platts* with their father & stepmother had Scarlet Fever - and Beatrice, the younger, after everything had been done {pen} to save her, & we thought she would pull thro', died. [I wrote this to you at the time, but never sent my letter.]

Jane Allison remained at Lea Hurst till the day I came away 21st: & looks quite another woman. But she is terribly on my mind. She is quite unfit to live alone. She has

consented to give up her father's house: (lodgers will not stay with her.) & I have tried to get the Manchester nephew & the Sheffield brother to take her: hitherto in vain.

This is now pending. She is no more fit than a child to take care of her money: I have {pencil} commended {pen} ~~left~~ her to the care of Mr. Dunn, who however thinks her well, & Mr. Yeomans:

Her only idea is: that she will be taken back again to Lea Hurst when (if) we come back. {pencil} So she does nothing.

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Miss *Henstock* is gone to live with
her son, *Charles*, at *Matlock*

- a very good move:

daughter remains at *Holloway*

The "nice little rascal" at
Derby I am enquiring about.

Emily (Mrs *Shore's*) was
married end of last month

- *Barbara* her bridesmaid

Nisbet is come out strong -

Charles has not yet a
become a Coffee room Manager.

Arthur Coltice is steady

& permanent - as a footman

pen} [3]

5.

Would you kindly answer
this question at once?

I have taken *Ellen Foot*
on trial to be my

cook. I fear it

will not succeed: (not
cooking - ly - she may
improve - but) morally

Would you tell me -

What it was you saw

in her you so disapproved?

[I meant to have asked
you this long ago: but
had no time].

{pencil} And ~~if~~ what you do tell me
must I not tell to her?

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{pen} 6. *Mrs. Broomhead* is
sinking: but not fast.

I saw her: of course -
still patient & cheerful
& cheers up when
she talks of her good
son Sam

but I thought her much
altered not only in
body but in mind

7. *Mrs. Limb*: still
the same: like a Saint

I saw the daughter in
law: & did not much
like her. She keeps
Mrs. Limb so dirty.

I have appointed
Mrs. Swann to go once a

week & clean her -

8. We are trying to
establish a *Coffee- room*
at Whatstandwell
for the Quarry men,
where Messrs. Cowlishev
& Sims, the two
Quarry Masters, will
PAY their men.

9. *Lizzie Holmes* has
been very ailing for
months. Dear Mrs.
Holmes, as good as
ever, paid me a visit,
of course. {pencil} I fear *Lizzie*
will never go to work again.

Wellcome Ms 5483

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{pen} 10. *Sisters Allen* much
better & bravely - came to tea
-would not lay down their
carpet till now.

have books from the Institute

11. *Mrs. Thompson* has been
our constant charwoman
& latterly housemaid at
Lea Hurst: foolish but
good: now on milk,
Doctor's attendance, &
other things: but 2 girls
to pay into Women's Club,
& boy to save, me to double
Does she cant? I don't

know

{pencil} Poor little *Harry Lee* is gone back
to Ascot Convalescent Home. He does
not get materially weaker, but
he lies now kept *in bed* entirely

{pen} 12. *Martha Sheldon*
accuses Mrs. Yeomans of
adulterating the milk,
(1 qu.) she had there -
Yeomans will have
nothing more to do with
her.

put on milk at Mrs. Holmes,
on blankets; 4/ a week for 13
weeks, &c on condition
she will save.

Mrs. Bratby manages it.

13. Bratby has had a
sad fit of the gout -
She, poor woman, is much
aged = but so fond of
Rosy, who really made
a part of her life.

Wellcome Ms 5483

Rosy stayed with me
all the while I was at
Lea Hurst till a week
{part of the page is missing}
Shore is come back from
Embley: not very well
He does not regain his strength -
all 4 children at home
- bonny - Louis has done very well at Rugby -
Mrs. Shore very tired,
one can scarcely expect
otherwise: she has been
so tired. Sam went to
his grandfather's funeral
at Embley: his father
could not.

I saw Dr. Webb: he said
your attack at Lea Hurst
was rheumatic & feverish
{part of the page is missing}
{pencil} Mr Haywood, the Schoolmaster, is
staying here till next week.
{pen} I think I shall send you
a list of the *milk s*
for you to CRITICIZE: but cannot today.

All Christmas & New Year's
blessings be yours the
best & highest:
{pencil} About Ireland I can only pray:
{pen} every yours affly
F. Nightingale
{pencil} Hughes, they say, will turnout in
April! of the Holloway Institute - !!
And *Mrs. Higton* will have it.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/27/1 signed letter, 2 ff, pen, black-edged paper

[8:978]

10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

1/1/81

Dear Mrs. Swann

I am hoping to hear
that you are going to
Mrs. Limb, & how she is

And I should like to
know how my poor
Independent, the cat, is,
& whether he is quite
happy.

If Thulè, the cat, at
Mr. Booth's, is not
happy, now Mrs. Booth
is dead; or if thy do
not want to keep her,
I can very well find

her another home -

I don't want them
to have her if they don't
want her.

Mr. Dunn may
perhaps tell you of
another Patient, Mr.
Bratby, you may be
wanted to nurse for
me -

I trust your daughter
is pretty well again.

God grant you all
the blessings of the New
Year & many New Years

& believe me
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/28 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

London May 26 1881

Madam

I bid 'God speed' to every one who wishes to devote herself to the noble art of Nursing. But there is no 'Royal Road' to it - A year's training is the very "shortest" time in which anything worthy of the name of Nursing can be acquired.

We do not admit any Probationer for a "shorter" time at our Training

School for Nurses at St. Thomas' Hospital. And we find Hospital & Infirmary situations, mostly "well paid", for our trained ladies & Nurses afterwards, for whom we have always a greater demand than we can supply.

I enclose our Regulations You might be admitted to a *free* vacancy under these, should you wish it. The proper course would then be for you to fill up the questions

Wellcome Ms 5483

at the back of the Form
& send it to
Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
London S.E.

subject to whose selection
candidates are admitted.
She will inform you
when there will be a
vacancy.

A personal interview
with her would be
desirable.

You have, I assure you,
my best wishes that
you should succeed.

Under the severe pressure
of constant illness & ever
increasing over-work,
I must ask you to excuse
a short note
& beg you to believe me
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale
Miss M. de Horne Best

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/29 signed note & envelope, 1f, pen postmarked: London 7 JY 25 81

10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

July 23/81

Mr. Sparkes Hall

Sir

I am very sorry that I
have two engagements on
Monday, & therefore
cannot try on the boots,
as intended.

I must put off the
appointment till
~~Tues~~ Wednesday at
1.30, if that will suit
you.

Your obed serv

F. Nightingale

Messrs Sparkes Hall

308 Regent St.

23/7/81 W.

5483/30 signed letter, 4 ff, pen & pencil, draft 45806 ff234-36

January 10 1882

[6:479-80]

10. South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Sir

How can I thank you enough
for your great kindness in
sending me your
magnificent volume on
"Charitable & Parochial
"Establishments"

I call it a glorious volume,
because - when I remember
how we may say as lately
as 14 years ago the sick
of our fellow creatures whom
we {ink blot obscures words} paupers were
laid in Workhouse bare
wards - where order was
H. Saxon Snell Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

kept sometimes by having
in the Police, as in the
Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary
{pencil} (but which had the glory of first introducing Nursing)
{pen} - where the pauper sick
were nursed not by trained
Nurses but by drunken
brutal paupers whose pay
was perhaps a glass of beer.
- I feel as though, if
Annual Festivals or occasional
Jubilees were the way to
commemorate & perpetuate
the blessed change, which
is however but just
beginning, we should

have the highest & best
Festival to strengthen
that reform, in which you
have had so conspicuous,
I might say illustrious a
part.

Much, very much, however
remains to be done.
The Workhouse Infirmaryes,
models in construction,
administration, & trained
Nursing - are still few
& far between.

Of your noble volume,
the part which interests
me most is of course the

Wellcome Ms 5483

new St. Marylebone Infirmary
for which we had the honour
of supplying the Trained
Matron & part of the
Trained Nursing Staff.

At the International
Medical Congress of August
last many American
gentlemen attended. Amongst
others some who, being
Trustees of a very large sum
left for building a Hospital
in the United States, had
travelled over all Europe
& America, indeed all the
civilized World, - inspecting
every Institution for the
sick, in order to find

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models for their purpose

Their model was, they
told me, St. Marylebone
Infirmary. It was the
best Hospital in their
opinion taking it as a
whole of all in the civilized
World that they had seen.

Yet America has done
much for the Sick poor {pencil} in
construction -

{pen} I give you joy

Florence Nightingale

Is it not rather a pity that the
soot doors, or whatever you
call them, of the flues or
'chimneys' of the Ward fireplaces

Wellcome Ms 5483

open inwardly into the
Wards, as I understand,
instead of outwardly on the
outside Walls?

If I am not misinformed,
whenever these are opened
to sweep the flues, the
Wards & Patients are deluged
with soot.

It is 14 years next month
since we lost our Trained
Matron, Agnes Jones, the
pioneer of Trained Workhouse
Nursing, at her post in
the immense Workhouse
Infirmary (1700 beds now in winter)
at Liverpool. When she came

to the place, 3 years before,
with our Staff of Trained Nurses,
the Police had frequently to
keep order in the Wards.

Now instead of this, the
Workhouse Infirmaries
where Trained Nursing has
been introduced - & Liverpool
was the first - are themselves
Training Schools for others.

And I trust that you
will be called upon to
build a "Home" in order
that St. Marylebone Infirmary
with its generous, reforming
Board - may become a
nucleus, & centre {pencil} of order & reform, {pen} & a *Training
School* for itself & other
Infirmaries.

Wellcome Ms 5483

Pardon me that, under
the severe pressure of business
& illness, I have not
thanked you for so great
a gift before - And pardon
me that I have run on
so discursively now -

In the great & essential
reform which has, in
Hospital construction, made
of Hospitals no longer places
to do the Patients harm but
places to cure them in,
you have a large & honoured
share: {pencil} Pray believe me

Your faithful servt

F.N.

{printed address, upside down:}

10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

5483/31 signed letter & envelope, 6 ff, pen, draft 45806 f241, replay
from Townson, f243

postmarked: LONDON W. X FE13 82 & DUBLIN & BELFAST A FE 14 82

Private Feb 4 1882
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

[13:392-94]

Dear Madam

I trust that you will excuse
my not answering yours of
Dec 29 before - for not
only am I always under
the severe pressure of over
work & illness - but also I
wished to see some of our
Trained Matrons of
important Hospitals - some
out of London - who train
Private Nurses (which we
do not at St. Thomas')
in order to be able to give
answers somewhat more
worth having to your questions
1. I am sorry to say that

Wellcome Ms 5483

we can none of us
recommend a "Handbook"
for "private Nurses."

Nor do we any of us
believe in teaching Nursing
from a book.

All the successful 'Classes'
that I know given by our
Trained Matrons & "Home"
Sister (Mistress of Probationers)
are given from notes of
their own - notes from
"Handbooks" & Lectures,
particularly from *Clinical*
Lectures - but chiefly from
actual bedside *Nurses'*
experiences: notes roughly

put together & gathered up
partly from own practical
experience during years
of Hospital life, & partly
~~got~~ out of books.

Going in & out of the Wards
& constantly talking to the
Head Nurses & Nurses about
their cases helps one to
remember about things
& prevents one from
getting rusty.

2. Surely the first thing
is to reform the Hospital
Nursing, if the Probationers
are trained & taught by "Doctors
& students" & not by the
Ward Head Nurses.

This is a *must*, not may
is it not?

Wellcome Ms 5483

Men can never train
women to be Nurses, can they?
They might make Doctors
of them but certainly not
Nurses.

Where the Nurses receive
all their training from the
Medical Officers & students,
it speaks badly for the
Hospital Nursing, & would
have a very bad effect
on the women.

Our Ward 'Sisters' (Head Nurses)
are all practical good Nurses
& are not "rough" with the
Patients, but ought to do
& do do, as a rule, the things
quite as nicely & carefully
as they would do them
in a private house -
There used to be some good Nurses at Belfast

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3. I have often thought
of printing, not publishing,
a Monthly Sheet for all
our trained Nurses,
wherever placed: telling
them of their comrades
far away - of the Nursing
methods, of which the
standard rises now so
rapidly year by year,
in use at each of their
Hospitals: giving them
little friendly exhortations
which they so welcome.

But I have never had
time to 'get up' such a
monthly sheet, which
requires the greatest care
& accuracy.

Wellcome Ms 5483

As for a "Monthly Serial", my experience is all against *publishing* such a thing. It is done at at least one great Training Nurses' Institution abroad, (at which I have made long stays) & the effect, tho' very much attenuated by German simplicity, is what our English notions would not approve.

As to "Stories of good done", they would have a tendency to make people wish to be the *subject* rather than to *do the good*. Does it not take the bloom off the peach - to put people's good deeds into print?

Then, as to new Nursing methods, these must, after all, be prescribed by the Doctors, & 'got up' by the Ward Nurses, Lady Supt & Class Mistress -

To publish any such & send them to other Hospitals - would it not be just to set the Doctors against them?

[It would be different in a *private* sheet, because it is entrusted to the discretion & care of the Supts. But even this is risky.]

It is certainly not for *us* even to appear to teach the doctors "more advanced methods of Nursing": tho'

Wellcome Ms 5483

in my time, & specially
during the last 5 or 6 years,
"Methods of Nursing" are
"advancing" - & so rapidly.
e.g. the antiseptic treatment,
- the requiring from Nurses,
by the doctors Urine - testing,
temperature - taking &c &c -
all these compel more
"advanced" Nursing by the
Nurses.

The Training = Schools, against
which the Doctors used
to be so ferocious, have
indirectly & insensibly
had a large share in
inducing this.

Nothing to me is so
{printed address, upside down}
10. South Street, remarkable as
Park Lane. W.

their change of tone:

[Some excellent old 'Sisters'

[3]

of 17 years' standing we hear of now resigning,
because they are not
'scientifically' trained as
"Doctors now expect them
to be!]

Nothing should put us
more on our guard
against asserting ourselves
than this change of tone
in the Doctors.

Let them not see that we
perceive it.

4. From others of our
Trained Matrons I have
learnt:

Private Nurses cannot
be so trained in Hospitals

as to do

Wellcome Ms 5483

without special watching -

9 months in Hospital Wards
then 3 months upon special
Hospital cases - & learning
special things - such as
internal leeching & the like

Niceties of Private Nursing
cooking, *tray & napkins* &c
cannot be learnt, as you
say, in a Hospital Ward,
where only the feeding cup
&c is wanted: but may be
taught in the special Wards x

Taking notes of case
is wanted in a private Nurse.
But this we do teach our
Hospital Probationers, &
~~ev~~ require ~~it~~/ case-taking most carefully
from our District Nurses
at the poor bed-side.

x In St. Thomas' we have now a paying
block for private Patients, where all the
niceties must be learnt.

~~All~~ our trained Matrons
who have Private Nurses
see them ~~most carefully~~/at great length before
going to the Private Patient
- always, when they report
themselves on their return,
have a long talk with them
- if the case is in the close
neighbourhood the Private
Nurse just runs out to see
her (the Matron or Lady Supt)
during the progress of the
case, & ~~who~~/she always corresponds
with the Nurse during the
case.

Wellcome Ms 5483

I trust I have answered
your questions.

God speed your work -
& pray believe me
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

~~There used to be some good Nurses at~~
Belfast

I had forgotten to say with
regard to the "Monthly Serial":
as to *Advertising*, is it not
much better done by the
"Times" & "Lancet"?

Also: publicity is not only a protection but
sometimes a failure - Two can play at that game
Nurses, if not allowed to go to an entertainment when
the "Sisters" go, ~~will~~ may threaten to "write to the" leading
periodicals" that they are "not treated" with "Christian
charity" {printed address, upside down:}

10. South Street, So the ladies would not have it
Park Lane W. all their own way in writing in

Magazines &c
or "Stories of good done"

F.N.

[end 13:394]

Miss Townson
Lady Supt.

Private
from

Florence Nightingale

Miss Townson

Lady Supt

Nurses' Home & Training School

Frederick St.

Belfast

3/2/82

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/32 signed letter, 2 ff, pen

Private May 4/83
10. South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

Your beneficent activity is
still, I am sure, directed
India - way, tho' we do not see
so much of it in your XIX
Century.

[10:545]

Thank God, the times in India
now are tremendous - I mean,
the dumb 'scream' & make
themselves heard. but also the
gagging efforts are tremendous.

I have long been asked
by the East India Association
for a paper on the condition
of the Ryot, & have been

obliged to put them off
more than once but am
now getting it ready.

[I may tell you that
it is a summary of all
relating to the Bengal Rent
Law Bill, than which nothing
so important has happened
since the Permanent Settlement
of 1793, but which just
on that account because it
is so *important, imports*
the British public little.

The rest regards Agriculture,
because there is no Agriculture in

Wellcome Ms 5483

India (it is like the 'Snakes
in Ireland) - & the new
Agricultural Dept -, & Agricultural
Advances Bills, & Agricultural
Banks Schemes, which used
to interest you - but not England -

[end 10:545]

The moment I have got
my paper off my hands,
I shall begin, I know, re-
casting it.]

[10:545-46]

This morning, much to my
surprise, one of your
'contemporaries' asked me
for my paper for his Review,
(tho' it is not ready) -

Without this, I should not
have thought of troubling you -
It did not come into my head.

Do you think it likely
that it might be of ~~some~~/more
use to India if inserted
in your XIX Century?
If so, should you be likely
to have room for it?
If so, would you like to
look at it, when ready?

[end

10:546]

Pray do not trouble
yourself to write more
than 'No' on a post-card
if you do not wish for it.

Ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
James Knowles Esq

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/33 incomplete, signed letter, 2 ff, pen

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The Officers of the Indian Contingent who were in Egypt [15:550-51]
came too to see me. In the
truest sense of the word,
they too were Volunteers. In
the time of the great Sir
John Lawrence & the Indian
Mutiny, one of these raised
& disciplined a numerous
band from the lands of his
own family, & himself
commanded & led it on
our side. Another garrison,
as it may be truly called,
the Khyber, the great
Indian frontier pass, for us.
And scarcely one of these
grave, modest men but
could tell, if he chose, a
noble tale of what he has

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volunteered to do & done,
for our national honour &
Crown.
Once they fought against us.
-Sir John Lawrence won
them round, trained them;
Now they are faithfully
for us.

So may *all* we volunteers
& Nurses, tho' ~~of~~ different
in many things, be fellows
in duty - So may we raise
the standard, higher & higher,
of thoroughness - (& with
thoroughness always goes
humility) - of steady, patient,
silent, cheerful work - So may we all be on
the alert - *always* on our

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Wellcome Ms 5483

mettle - Let us be always
in the van of wise & noiseless
high training & progress

God bless you all

Florence Nightingale

May 23/83

the anniversary of the
battle of Plassey

in India **[end 15:551]**

5483/34 signed post card, 1f, pen

postmarked: London {illeg} 25

Mrs. Greig

Estate Office

Claydon House

Bucks

25/5/83

so very glad of the dear little
new comer & yourself being
so well. but rather afraid at
seeing your hand -writing. Pray
do not over - exert yourself -
I should as soon have expected
a letter from the little mite.
God bless you both.

May 25/83 F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/35 signed letter, 4 ff, pen

Claydon House 6 a.m.

Bucks Sept 15/83

10. South Street,

Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

Dear Mrs. Dowding

Lady Verney is a little better
in *herself* since I came - But
as to the disease itself I fear
it is only making progress.
Her sufferings are truly pitiable.
And she scarcely ever has an
hour's sleep. May God bless
her & grant her patience!

As for me, I wish I could
have written to you all
regularly. ~~But~~ for I think
of you all. But the strain
upon me here is greater than I
have had these 25 years.
And now, anxious that you
should have this before Sunday,

I am putting off other important
letters to write to you at
six in the morning.

My kindest regards to Polly.

I hear of her from Fanny.

As for Fanny, she looks
much better since she has
been here. But I hear
from her here for the first
time that she has been
spitting blood "all the
"summer"; & I have of course
had to put her under Medical
advice. If you or Polly
knew anything of this, would
it not have been better
for Fanny's sake to have told

me?

Wellcome Ms 5483

About my return home
or my going to Lea Hurst,
where Mr. & Mrs. Shore
Smith are with their four
children, it is of course
impossible for me, in Lady
Verney's state, to say anything
I might be able to come
back *any day*. Or, while
neither of the Mrs. Verneys
is able to come, it might be
impossible. It is impossible
to leave her & Sir Harry alone.
1. Would you be so good as
to tell me exactly
what has been done
in the *house & kitchen*
premises - both by *Mr. Vane*

& by Mr. Thomas? & say *how* each
thing has been done:
and also as far as you
can *what was put off*
to be done till I
should have returned &
gone away a second time?

Till I know this, I
cannot say *what ought*
to be done now.

2. But I think you had
better have *Mr. Murrell*
directly to renew the
Distilling Apparatus, if
he thinks it necessary
& finds it wearing out.
3. Also: I think *Mr. Vane*
had better have the *blinds*

Wellcome Ms 5483

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at least the Drawing room
blind which is in a
dreadful state, & the
Dressing room blind; &
such others as want doing,
but not to put them up
till I come back -

4. Pray then *tell me all
the things which we
agreed should be done
& which have not yet
been done* by Mr. Vane
as soon as possible.

I hope that you have
been comfortable. It has
been very unsatisfactory
to me, as you may suppose,
to leave you all in this

uncertain state. There is
nothing certain except
that it cannot be God's will
that Lady Verney should
be left. Mrs. Verney is
coming here to-day (till
Monday) to see her &
think about it with me.

~~But~~

Capt. & Mrs. Douglas
Galton
are in dreadful affliction.
Their son-in-law, Signor Fenzi,
at Florence, has been shot
dead by an *accident*. Capt
Galton took his poor
daughter who was here
out directly. But she
arrived too late even to
see her husband's face in

Wellcome Ms 5483

the coffin. Her two children were sent out after her. He was a most admirable man, useful in all reforms in his own country, & not yet 30.

Pray give my kind regards to Mrs. Rumley. I should like to hear from you of her husband. I was very much pleased to know that he had been able to go to his work. I dare say Mrs. Rumley has some message to send me.

Pray mention particularly how the Drawing room floors & Dressing room floor have been done.

I am sorry for poor Cyrus & Old woman, not to have their country run - I hope they go up stairs every day. I am still sorrier to think of all the Starving cats in the neighbourhood.

May God bless you all
three is the fervent prayer
of yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South St.
Park Lane. W.
Lyddy is here in the house

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/36 signed letter & envelope, 2 ff, pen postmarked: WINSLOW D SP2
84

Mrs Higton
Hy Bonham Carter's Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.
2/9/84

Sept 2/84
Claydon House,
Bucks.

Dear Mrs. Higton

I received your letter
this morning saying (very
naturally) that you "do not
feel" you "can take any
situation till" you "have
had a long rest."

If you had come
tomorrow, as I invited
you by Telegram, you
would have found that
that is the very thing
I was planning for you,
namely that you should
have a "long rest" before
taking any situation.

I did not write to you
when, as you say, you
"expected to hear from"
me, because Mrs. Hy
Bonham Carter did not
propose that I should
do so.

I should like to see
one who had been with
my aunt 17 years,
whether you take my
place or not.

It is too late now to
come tomorrow, Thursday

Wellcome Ms 5483

I could not have you.
Friday Mrs. Hy Bonham
Carter is coming to London
& probably could not
spare you.

But I could see you
on Saturday, if you
come by the train
leaving Euston at 9 a.m.
& you could return the
same day.

I think it will be
a pity if you do not

do this. And I think
you would enjoy the
trip.

With kind regards
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

5483/37 signed letter, 1 f, pen

Oct 3/84

Claydon House,
Bucks

Dear Miss Hurt

How sorry I am
to wish you good-bye -
fare you very well -
how glad I am to
have seen you - & how
kind you are to me -

Please, my love to
your young lady.
ever yours overflowingly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/38 signed letter & envelope, 2 ff, pen postmarked: Bletchley
Station I OC 9 84

Oct 9/84

Claydon House,
Bucks

Mr. Thomas

Sir

I shall be back at
10 South St.
on Friday Oct 17, I hope
And will you be so
good as to arrange with
my people left in the house
when the Drawing room
floors shall be polished
up, if not done already.

There must be cleaning
of windows, putting up

of curtains & putting
down of carpets
done *afterwards*, I
suppose -
Will that spoil the
floors?

With thanks

believe me
your faithful servt
F. Nightingale

I hope & am sure
that I shall find

the floors perfectly
sweet & fresh.

Mr. Thomas

4 Cadogan Cottages
Pont St.

9/10/84

London S.W.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/38 signed letter & envelope, 1 ff, pen

PRIVATE Oct 21/84
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

My dear Sir

[13:133]

Pray excuse me for asking your kind indulgence, as you will know how interested & grieved I am on account of this most unpleasant affair which has befallen our friend Miss Williams - & really not less on account of St. Mary's Hospital, to the good Nursing of which such an affair must be

most damaging, if not ruinous.

I know how much you have worked in the Good cause & how much is due to your Great influence. Might I ask whether you think that a successful fight be made at your next Friday's Board where your presence will be so essential?

[end]

ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
Dr. Sieveking

Private

E. Sieveking Esq MD
17 Manchester Square
F. Nightingale }
21/10/84 }

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/40 signed letter 2ff, pen

Nov 7/85

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear Sir Richard Temple

[9:659-60]

I am encouraged by your
old kindness for me to
believe that you would be
so good as to consider the
desirableness, which we
Sanitarians feel very strongly,
of appointing to the post
(which will now be immediately
vacant) of Surgeon Genl to
H.M. Forces in Bombay,
your old friend - may I say?
Dy Surgeon Genl Dr. Hewlett

tho' of the Indian Medl Dept.

- and, if you think well,
of pressing it upon the Secy
of State for India, without
whose confirmation it
cannot be made.

Capt. Douglas Galton
will kindly furnish you
with the circumstances.

Pray believe me
dear Sir Richard Temple
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

I have still your invaluable Minutes & Reports which you were kind enough to leave with me. They shall be returned to you whenever you wish.

F.N.

Had I thought that there was the least chance of your being at leisure enough to be in London, I would have hoped for the pleasure of a call from you.

[end 9:659]

F.N.

5483/41 signed letter, 6 ff, pen

PRIVATE Village
& Confidential Sanitary
Organization Nov 19/85
10, South Street
Park Lane. W {printed address:}

[10:313-15]

Dear Lord Reay

You granted me a great boon in allowing me to write to you. You will not censure me for making use of it.

My heart is in the villages & the Village Patels:

in Village Sanitation
what to do &
how to do it

'What to do' is most ably & clearly set forth in Dr. Hewlett's

"Memo for the guidance of Village Patels" Sept 5 1885
which I understand is under Government discussion.

Wellcome Ms 5483

The main difficulty lies in
`how to do it.' And two
methods are proposed. viz -
the Governmt Bill &
Mr. Crawford's plan.

To you we look for the decision
(with great faith) in this
question supremely important
- for the methods employed
should be in conformity with
habit as far as possible.

As the Govt. of India have usually
said - `they observe that
nothing has been done for the
villages':

The reason is: that every district
has its own habits & customs
[No one law will do for all].

and that we have destroyed
the village organizations
of old time which could
easily have been put in
working train

A village community with
local interests & feelings
could cure itself well
enough: but if this cannot
be restored, the plan of
an elective representative
body will have to be adopted,
- a sort of *village municipality*,

as Mr. Crawford puts it,
in which the will of the
majority, instead of the good
will & tacit consent of all,
must do the work.

Wellcome Ms 5483

`Most humbly, & only in
accordance with your kind
wish, I venture to suggest

(1)

that you will allow MDr.
Hewlett's "Memo." of
instructions to "Village Patels"
to be translated & circulated

(2) - by the Bombay Village
Police Act of 1867 power
has been entrusted to a few
Patels only, selected by Collectors
- has not the time come

when this Act should be
extended to a much larger
number (also selected in
each Collectorate)

(3) - & that the people should
be taught what to do and
what not do

[2]

by their Patels & "Panchayets"

NB You who know so
much better than we do
need not to be told that
the power of "Punch" is
well nigh illimitable.
They can do at once what
no District Officer can do,
or do only by a process of
law. [I have a mine
of instances in which e.g. whole
villages have been removed
bodily by the "Punch" , - properly
approached by our Sanitary Commr. - in a few hours,
- villages that had been nests
of Cholera - where District
Officers had worked in vain.]

Wellcome Ms 5483

The present Village Police Act is however, as you have seen, deficient - or indeed absolutely obstructive in certain clauses - and Mr. Crawford's Draft Bombay Village Conservancy Act (which I have seen) would appear to provide a better machinery for introducing Sanitary measures into villages -

As it proposes to re-establish Village Panchayets - & to give them a legal status with the necessary powers for carrying out Sanitary measures.

Altho' Mr. Crawford's Act does not go so far as we might wish, yet as a beginning it would seem based on sound principles.

Now two things seem required.

1. facilities provided by Governmt, such as suitable areas of ground &c &c in the neighbourhood of villages
 - increased powers should be given to Panchayets as recommended by Mr. Crawford, to protect their water-sources (see p. 6 B of Mr. Crawford's Memo - & Sect. 9 of Draft Act)
 - facilities for the people protecting themselves from

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local filth are provided also
by Mr. Crawford's Draft
Village Conservancy Act.

2. Thus a short Municipal
Act for making the people
avail themselves of these
facilities (not ordering them
to do what they have no
means of doing & punishing
them if they do it not) would
meet the case.

It is we who have
done the mischief -

It is you who must
undo it - & do the good.

And how to do it we
may safely leave in your
hands.

[3]

Pray forgive me, for I have been
for years at work on this
Village Sanitary question, so
important in a country of
villages, like India. and your
advent has filled us with
fresh hope.

2. Bombay has been foremost
in making a grand first step
towards executive organization,
by appointing a Sanitary
Engineer as part of the Sanitary
Staff of the province. This is
the great & important lesson
taught by Bombay. And we
trust it will be learnt
elsewhere in India. Col: Ducat's
appointment is a real advance,

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and after experience it will
lead to more -
The Bombay Govt. , we know,
will give every facility to
Municipalities for taking
advantage of Col; Ducat's
Services as Consulting
Sanitary Engineer.

And we hail with hope the
prospect of Lord Reay
organizing the whole
administration for Sanitary
purposes.

No organization for Sanitary
improvement has yet been provided
except for the Municipal towns
- & this as yet imperfectly -
tho' the Sanitary state has
reported on *usque ad nauseam*

3. The system of utilizing the
services of the Zillah Civil
Surgeons, as in the Punjab, as
Sanitary Officers is as much
a part of the question as the
Sanitary Commissioner himself
And they should report to *him*.

But this is beyond my sphere

4. We are so very glad that
Dr. Hewlett is to go on tour
round India as Sanitary
Commissioner, & see what
other Sanitary Commissioners
are doing.

I end as I began:
we must gladly leave details
to you: we have not the data
With renewed ~~filleg~~/jubilation for
all you are doing, especially

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for the appointment of two
such real representatives
as Mr. Ranadè &
Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji on
the Council - which has
rejoiced every native of
thought & action in the
Presidency
& for the Thana Forest matter,
as well as for many other things,
pray believe me
dear Lord Reay
ever your faithful & grateful
servt.
Florence Nightingale

[end 10:315]

5483/42 signed letter, 1 ff, pen

June 30/86
10, South Street {printed address:}
My dear Sir Park Lane. W
May I ask what the Election
prospects are?
Good speed attend you
yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

Dr. Evatt
A word on a post-card, please

5483/43 signed letter, 1 ff, pen

[13:441]

Oct 7/86
10, South Street {printed address, line drawn through}
Dear Madam Park Lane. W
In answer to yours, the Hospital
for which a lady was required
as Matron is a "Maternity &
Women's Infirmary" at Melbourne,
Victoria. You will hardly wish
to undertake such a Hospital,
would you? All the particulars
that were given me I gave to
Miss Jones who communicated
them to Miss Lloyd, from whom

Wellcome Ms 5483

you will doubtless have heard
them. No information was
given me as to "terms". A Lady
from Melbourne is now in London,
seeing candidates who are
recommended to her & who
wish for the post - I regret
that I shall not be in London
for a few days; in haste
yours faithfully F. Nightingale
Miss Henrietta Stewart

[end 13:441]

5483/44 signed letter, 2ff, pencil [6:651]

Dec 8/86

10, South Street {printed address:}

Sir Park Lane. W

Mr. Richmond when he went
abroad left it in charge
to me "to let" you "know"
if your "boy will find a
place in the Hospital
for Epilepsy at the end
of a month" (from Nov 17)

I am very glad to be
able to say that I have
obtained admission for
your boy in the Hospital

"for the Epileptic", (Queen
Square, Bloomsbury)

A "bed" will be "reserved
"for him" "in a fortnight"
from Dec 4.

Kindly tell me whether
(illeg illeg) will be
able to enter then.

Mr. Richmond told me
that he had so far
recovered from his

Wellcome Ms 5483

accident that he would
then be able to move
from Brighton Hospital -
And I assure you that
he has my best wishes
that his stay at Queen
Square (Epileptic) Hospital
will result in a good
success - Poor fellow -
he must have suffered
much

Excuse pencil

With my renewed good
wishes,
pray believe me
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 6:651]

5483/45 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Jan 2/87

10, South Street {printed address:}

Dear Sir Park Lane. W

[13:52]

I am so afraid that
we shall lose the "bed"
altogether, which I have
secured for ~~{illeg illeg}~~
Rocco at the Queen Square
"Hospital for Epilepsy",
that I write to ask what
you hear of him, &
when the Brighton
Hospital authorities
think that he will be

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well enough to move -
 You are aware
that I have already
had twice to put
~~your son Rocco~~ off at
Queen Square: the
second time his Ticket
of Admission had
actually been sent me
for him, or rather for
you - And I had to
return it.

 In your last letter you
appeared to think that
~~Rocco~~ would be well
enough to leave the
Brighton Hospital by the
New Year - Probably
it would not be thought
desirable by his present
Doctors for him to move
at all this weather.

 But I write to ask
you kindly to remember
that, the sooner you
can give me notice

of some definite day
 when you hope to be
able to take advantage
of the "bed", the less
likely we are to have
difficulty

[end]

 With kind wishes
for ~~your son Rocco~~,
yours faithfully
 Florence Nightingale

{Illeg:
Illeg}

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/46 signed letter, 1f, pencil

22/2/87

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

I am exceedingly indebted to
you for the expedition &
care with which my small
job has been done -

Would you be so good
as to let me have

105 copies of *each* of
these Proofs [you will see
they are corrected
differently]

by, if possible, 10 o'clock
on Thursday 24, *morning*

& oblige

your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

If you think a *Revise* is
required, would you be
so kind as to send me
one tomorrow *morning*?

(Wednesday)

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/47 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

{5483/47/1} {in another hand: Monday May 7.88 5 o'clock}

May 2/88

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

My dear Sir

Sir Harry Verney told me
that you would be so very
kind as to make an
appointment to pay me
a visit, - precious as
your time must be, about
India -

Any afternoon after
to-day that you would
kindly fix, at 4.30 or 5,
would be most welcome
to yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Rt Honble

John Bright M.P.

{83/47/2}

Please forward

Rt Honble

John Bright M.P.

Reform Club

Florence Nightingale

2/5/88

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/48 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen

Private June 8/88

[16:484]

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear General Higginson

Many thanks for your most kind note & its enclosures, with Genl Tyndall's answers to questions.

Is it to be understood that you kindly wish to give the "Southern Ward: Upper Floor", 19.6 by 12, for the "Matron's "bed room"? This should be for the present only, as, being the best Ward or room in the Hospital, it would doubtless be for the Patients most ill - The North Ward being very inferior to it. Query,

will this North Ward have much sun, except from the E. window?

- that the "present Surgery" -

"ground floor" - [is that the room next the Kitchen, 10 x 15 - or the larger room to the South 19.6 x 12, ground floor?]

is to be given as the "Matron's

"sitting room and Surgery" -

"dispensing with a complete "surgery & receiving room for

"the present". ~~If she is~~

~~to have~~ If there are

"wretched lads," poor fellows!,

by which I understand boys with something serious the

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[2]

matter with them, yet not
confined to bed, for her
to have charge of, the
room 10 x 15 would be,
would it not?, rather
close quarters - But as
you speak of the "so-called
"Matron's room down stairs,"
I conclude it is *this* room
to the South, 19.6. x 12?
"Sister" Constable shall go "on
"a visit of inspection to the
"Hospital" & to see the Home,
"as soon as possible" after I
have received your kind
directions, if they are to this
effect - & she shall do as
you say - You are so good

[end 16:484] [13:245]

as to let the Commandant know -
You are, I know, kindly
aware that she will have
to give notice to her present
employers, if you engage her -
- *not less than a month's*
notice by the rule of the
Local Govt. Board (under
which are the Parochial Infirmaryes)
-but for the convenience of
the Infirmary work itself, (Matron
& Guardians) *3 months'* notice
is often desired - Even if
appointed she could not
therefore enter upon the
Gordon Boys' Home at once

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You will yourself, of course,
kindly not only have her
before yourselves, but take
her character from the Matron,
Miss Vincent, &c of St. Marylebone Infirmary
Rackham Street
- *Ladbroke Grove Road W.*

(where "Sister" Constable is now).
personally & independently
of us.

As to the "payment in lieu of
"rations" for your Matron &
"woman servant", (see Genl
Tyndall's answers to questions)
- what that is to be will be
a matter for future kind decision,
as well as the "requirements"

for furnishing the Matron's
"rooms", which you are so
good as to mention -

Again, very many thanks for
the extreme kindness you
have put into this matter -
I write in haste, in order to
catch you at your Committee.

Pray excuse a torn sheet:
& pray believe me
ever your faithful servant
& Gordon Boys' Home's

Florence Nightingale

It is to be regretted, as you say,
if "lads" with any grave
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South Street,

Park Lane. W. disease are admitted
which might be injurious

to the other boys. It is so bad for them
to see e.g. epilepsy - especially for those
of the Gordon Boys' class - And skin diseases
are of course most catching - F.N. **[end 13:245]**

Private to await his arrival

Lt. General Higginson &c &c
Office of Gordon Boys' Home
20 Cockspur Street

Florence Nightingale
8/6/88

5483/49 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Wellcome Ms 5483

Oct 2/88

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

Dear Mr. Burton

I am full of hope that God
will bless your labours for the
good of Lea & Holloway
population thro' the School.
And therefore I give you joy.
Though these are early days
to judge by, I hear that
they are "all much pleased,
"so far," with your work -
with the "marked improvement
"already", in the "discipline",
which was "lax" - & that they
are "most hopeful". This is

a great encouragement for
a beginning - And I
wish you 'God speed' with
all my heart.

Is your Examination
coming on now?

I hope it will be
satisfactory

But there are things, as
I know you think, more
important than success in
Examinations - tho' we
cannot do without these -
And that is: the effect
of the whole discipline
& tone of the School upon

Wellcome Ms 5483

the characters for
school-time & for life-time.
God's world is a great
Training -School - is it not?
And as long as we are
in this world of His, we
go on, or ought to go on
learning - And the thing
is: to put our boys &
girls in the way to learn.

In our Hospital
Training Schools, we give
our Nurses a year's
training - But this is only
to train them to train
themselves all their lives,

& to train others. A
Hospital Matron is or ought
to be a good 'mother' to
all her Nurses - tho' some
are older than herself -
just as a good School
Master 'fathers' his pupils.

I do hope you will be
happy at Lea School - &
when Mrs. Burton & your
children arrive, *full* of
happiness -

By & bye when you
are settled, perhaps you
will be kind enough to
give me a word on the

progress of "my" School children.

And I dare say we
shall some day be thinking
together of botany that is, leaves & flowers, for the
School. & spars & ores,
this being Derbyshire,
just as you used to
show them fossils in the
pit at Burton.

God bless you
yours ever faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/50 signed note, 1f, pen

10 South St Jan 29/89

My dear Sir

You kindly ask me to
say what hour would suit me
best to-day for your visit.

Would 4 o'clock, or as
soon after as you can,
be possible to you
instead of "five"?

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

H. Power Esq

5483/51 signed note, 1f, pen

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love
envieth not; love vaunteth not itself,
is not puffed up, doth not behave
itself unseemly, seeketh not her own,
is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil:
~~rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth
in the truth,~~

Please illuminate this, either on a large
square card or on a *long* large card -
Do not cramp it - It is to be large
enough to be framed as a small picture

9/9/90

Florence Nightingale

10. South Street

Park Lane

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/52 signed letter, 3ff, pen [13:880-81]

Private

London Feb 17/92

Dear Madam

In answer to your note, we consider that Dr. De'Ath is singularly fitted for searching & striking Lectures on "Health at Home" - for eliciting what the pupils have made their own, & what they have not - & for accustoming them by note-taking to show what they can do.

But there appears a misconception on what is the real object of the Lectures, and infinitely the most difficult to attain, The object, as you will see by the Syllabus, is to give

practical, not only *word*=instruction to poor rural mothers & girls how to maintain health their own, their children's & their cottages' health.

We do not expect to cure the bad habits of ages, the ignorance & superstition of years, by a few Lectures or by a Legion of Lectures -

The object is: to select out of a class those few educated women who will be capable of being *in touch with* & of training the poor rural women & girls how to maintain health : the Lecture room has to be transferred to the cottage by Dr. De'Ath the cottage itself to be the object-lesson

This is the hardest work of all. *But Dr. De'Ath we believe is up to it.*

He has already given nearly half his *Lecture-room* Lectures with the utmost success in *sifting*, as in fixing an almost breathless attention. But after this comes the real 'crux' - to teach the Lady teachers how to use the plainest, simplest, commonest words - how to choose a few salient points of *practice* how to have such tact as never to give offence - in training the cottage women - The fault of all young Lady beginners is to reproduce the Lecture they have received going over the whole ground of what they have

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been taught in words intelligible to *them* but which are Hebrew Greek to the poor mothers - with these cottage women. E.g. the ladies must never use such an expression as this: "Ventilation is essential". The poor women don't know how to ventilate - & very likely the ladies don't either.

And the ladies must teach with their hands as well as with their mouths - and, above all, each lady *must* teach the poor women as being ~~as~~ one of themselves & not as one above them

Is not all this very different from giving merely a Course of book Lectures to educated women?

[2]

In answer to your other questions: the Syllabus is intended, as you see, not for London but a rural District. But Dr. De'Ath might easily adapt it for London.

And he might possibly be able to spare time for London, & might well be asked - An Excellent Medical Officer of Health of a County or part of a County is, of course, a very busy man. [These questions however are not for me to answer] } Pray believe me yours faithfully } Florence Nightingale

Miss Rose Adams

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/53 signed letter, 1f, pen

[6:574]

March 31/92
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Sir

I beg to acknowledge your
letter of March 25,
signed by Sir Douglas
Galton, & asking me
to give my signature to
an application for the
grant of a Royal Charter
to the Sanitary Institute.

I will ask you to be
so good as to attach
my signature to the
E. White Wallis Esq
Secy &c &c

[end 6:574]

Petition

And I beg to remain
your obdt servant
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/54 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen postmarked LONDON 92 {the rest too dark to read} & CHI{illeg} B JU27 92

June 25/92 [13:882-83]
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W

Dear Madam

In acknowledgement of you
kind letter of June 22 as
"Hon: Sec: for the Ladies'
"Committee for Technical Educn."
"in West Sussex under the
"County Council" anent
"Cottage Nursing Lectures"
the "teachers trained in
"Buckinghamshire as Nursing
"Lecturers," & our "*health*" Lecturers are not for
Nursing disease but for
preventing disease &
teaching Cottage Mothers
& girls the elements of
how to preserve *health* -

which is of course
the opposite of disease
& necessitates in many
respects quite a different
course. I venture to
enclose a Syllabus of our
Lectures, - & I may add
that our Lecturer, Dr.
De'Ath, a Medical Officer
of Health, supplemented
his Lectures with practical
object-lessons in some of
the worst cottages in his
District, without offence
to the cottagers, which must
of course be jealously
guarded against -

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As Miss Fanny Calder of
Liverpool who knows all
about us & whose own
teachers on other subjects
are so admirable has
recommended us to you, I
suspect that your "*Nursing*
"Lecturers," who are
supposed to give object-
lessons in the cottages too,
are really one & the same.

Ours are of course the
property of the Bucks
County Council, who must
have first choice. And
the most important member
in this matter has been
ill but is recovering.
Therefore there has been some
delay, and

I believe one only of the
Dr. De'Ath Lecture=Ladies
has definitely been engaged
at present. ~~So~~ I have
little doubt that, if,
after this explanation,
about Health v. Nursing,
you still wish for one,
one can be put at your
service for the 6 months you desire.

This is all I can say
at present -

I know the "salary" (you
kindly ask" was not to be high -

I will write to Dr. De'Ath
to-day & come to particulars.

Pray excuse a woman
overwhelmed with business for
not answering you by return
of post. And believe me

your faithful servant
Miss Emily Deane } Florence Nightingale

[end 13:883]

Wellcome Ms 5483

{5483/54/2} {in another hand: Florence Nightingale 1892}

Miss Emily Deane
Hon Sec
Technical Education
24 West Street
Chichester

5483/55 signed note, 1f, pen
[2]

Dear Miss Deane

I am so sorry you are ordered
abroad for your health

May you make a perfect
recovery is the fervent wish

of yours sincerely
22/7/92 Florence Nightingale

5483/56 signed letter, 9ff, pen & pencil; printed version at RCN 2/4,
printed pamphlet Letters from Miss Florence Nightingale on Health
Visiting in Rural Districts London P.S. King & Son...1911 has preface
by Lauder Brunton, vice-chairman of National League for Physical
Education and Improvement

[1]

Dear hard working friends

[13:883-84]

I am a hard-working
woman too. May I speak to
you? And will you excuse
me? tho' not a mother.

You feel with me that
every mother who brings
a child into the world has
the duty laid upon her
of bringing up the child in
such health as will enable
him to do the work of his
life.

But tho' you toil all day
for your children, & are so
devoted to them, this is
not at all an easy task.

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[2]

We should not attempt
to practise dress-making
or any other trade without
any training for it. But
it is generally impossible
for any woman to get any
teaching about the
management of health.

Yet health is to be
learnt

And, altho' you are the
more skilled in the
practical work of every
day life, yet this Lady
Lecturer has had special
opportunities of studying
the reasons why certain
things are good or bad
for health.

{3}

But it depends very
much more upon you
than upon her that these
Lectures should be of
any use to you. You
must make use of her
& get out of her the
particular knowledge
that you want.

The Cottage Homes of
England are after all
the most important
of the homes of any class
that they should be
pure in every sense -
pure in body & in mind.

Boys & girls must grow

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[4]

up healthy with clean
minds & clean bodies &
clean skins
And, for this to be possible
the air, the earth & the
water that they grow up
in & have around them
must all be clean: fresh
air not bad air - clean
earth not foul earth - pure
water not dirty water.
And the first teachings &
impressions they have at
home must all be pure &
gentle & firm. It is *home*
that teaches the child after
all - more than any
other Schooling.

[5]

A child learns before
it is three whether
it shall obey ~~his~~ its mother
or not. And before it
is seven, wise men tell us
that its character is
almost formed.

There is too another thing::
Orderliness. We know your
daily toil & love. May
not the busiest & the hardest
life be somewhat lightened,
~~or~~& the day mapped out,
so that each duty has
the same hour?

Now you may compare
this lady's inexperience

Wellcome Ms 5483

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& your practical
knowledge of the things
of every day life. But,
tho' she may be inexperienced
in the things you have
to do, yet she may by
her knowledge in a
humble, not patronizing
or positive or prying
way, help you to help
yourselves.

This is not a Lecture
so much as a talk - a
homely talk about homes.

If you would make a
friend of her, & ask her
questions, it would be far

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more possible for her to
help.

Then think what enormous
extra trouble it entails
on mothers when there
is sickness. It *is* worth
while to try to keep the
family in health - to
prevent the sorrow, the
anxiety, the trouble of
illness in the house, of
which so much can be
prevented.

When a child has lost its
health, how often the mother
says: O if I had only
known. But there was
no one to tell me.

Wellcome Ms 5483

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And, after all, it is health
& not sickness that is
our natural state - the
state that God intends
for us - There are more
people to pick us up
when we fall than to
enable us to stand
upon our feet.

God did not intend all
mothers to be accompanied
by Doctors: but He meant
all children to be cared
for by mothers.
{pencil} God bless your work
& labour of love.

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{pen} Now after *our* kind
wise Doctor who cares
for your health as much
as for your sickness has
left, will you not settle
down to a friendly
homely talk & try to
get out of the lady
what you can -

And God bless us all -

And He *will* bless us

Florence Nightingale

Oct 10/92

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/57 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen & pencil

Private

Dec 9/92

[13:886]

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear Madam

Thank you for your kind note. I send, according {pencil} to your wish, & have great pleasure in sending. {pen} a doz. copies of the Health-at-Home Missioners under the Bucks County Council. [Tho' the outward 'man' of 6 of the copies is different, yet it is all the same pamphlet]

With regard to "furnishing a paragraph" on "cleanliness" to the leaflet, of which the M.S. enclosed is the substance,

cleanliness could not possibly be pushed in in that way - could it? Our experience is that uncleanliness both before & after the lying in is the cause which sows the seed of ~~most~~/much of the distressing suffering of the poor mothers (with large families) in after years - an uncleanliness which certainly the "kind neighbour" cannot remedy, for she has not the cleanliness herself - And the uncleanliness of the POOR infant is the cause of many a puny

Wellcome Ms 5483

after growth.

The *monthly Nursing* of the POOR at their own homes is one of the gravest Subjects we have. Midwives do not practise it. Doctors cannot of course. Lying in Hospitals do not teach it.

The uncleanliness of the bedding - a feather bed or flock bed which may not have been picked to pieces or cleaned for years & years - which may have had several Lyings-in on it - is most serious for both mother & infant - is it not?

Then the personal cleanliness of the mother after lying-in - which she *can't* attend to herself, & which no one but a competent District Nurse can attend to {pencil} [as ignorance is now] {pen} Then there is nothing about cleanliness of the BOTTLE in/for hand fed Infants in that nice little Leaflet.

I could not possibly, as you will see, undertake the responsibility of writing about all this for leaflets. You have

Wellcome Ms 5483

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doubtless responsible
Editors & a responsible
Editing Commee.

But I will tell you
what I will do if you
wish it. As soon as I
can, I will ask a
District Lady Nurse
to help me in putting
down the main heads,
together - And you
shall have them not
for publication but for
submitting to your
responsible Editors -

I am very much
overworked - & I can

{pencil} hastily {pen} only, write at this
moment a rough {pencil} & ready
{pen} answer to your request.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Miss Rose Adams

You will observe
that your M.S. which
I return asks for
3 weeks when your
printed Tract only
asks for a fortnight

F.N.

[end 13:887]

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/58 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

10, South Street August 14/93

My dear Sir Douglas

Thank you very much
for your visit.

I am so anxious about
"Dr. Russell," "Lord Provost
"of Edinburgh", his great
enthusiasm, his £350
a bed for "Infectious
"Diseases" - his letting
out Nurses like
"Plumbers", (his own
expression) - his theory
that we have *too many*
Nurses in a Hospital,
& that Nurses ought,

[13:383]

like Cherubs, never
to sit down.

If you are on the
ground of "Infectious
Disease Hospitals," I
wish you could hook
him on to you. He is
going to spend a
fortune from the rates.

If such good luck
were to befall that
you should go to
Edinburgh, & you
would allow me,
I would write him

Wellcome Ms 5483

a note that you
were coming -
He is so doctrinaire.

[He lives in a Villa
near Edinburgh - He
gave me his address}
I am sending to your
house to enquire
after Gwendolyn. God
grant she may be all
right -

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

[end]

5483/59 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

London Oct 21/95

My dear Sir

How good you are
to these men -

I could not resist
your appeal - tho' it is
an effort to me who
know not what it is
to have a leisure hour
to "write a few words".

*I have not 'time to
'make it any shorter.'*

But you will - If you
find anything in
my letter to your
occasion, you will

Wellcome Ms 5483

kindly pick it out
& use it.

It seemed as if the most
profitable way of
answering your appeal
was to show the great
virtues of our soldiers
in time of war &
discipline - & to ask
them to ~~cultivate~~/show the
same virtues in times
of home-life in peace.

As some great writer
says: we hate war,
we admire discipline

as an aid to duty -

It seemed useless
to enunciate this
without giving a few
splendid examples
which I could multiply
a hundred fold -

But I know it is
much too long -

And I generally
resist all invitations
to write, except on
ever=pressing business.

So I ask your
kindness to remedy

my fault

& to allow me to
send you £1 as a
tiny token of sympathy
with your work -

Good speed to it.

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

The Revd

Thomas G. Clarke

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/60 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil, illeg postmark [6:621]

April 2/96

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear Madam

I trust that your kindness will pardon a stranger to you for writing to you ----You have, I believe, an organisation of Health Missioners to the poor, visiting them in their own houses - whatever they are called.

I should be so very much obliged to you if you would kindly send me any printed

Rules, particularly as to how they are trained,
- the method & kind of training given them,
- whether by & in Hospitals, by Lectures, or by more experienced people/ladies taking them round the houses of the poor, & showing them practically what is wanted - or by all three - And how situations are appointed for these Missioners.

Also - whether you prefer Hospital

Wellcome Ms 5483

trained or *non-Hospital* Missioners

I have a little
pamphlet of my own,
which began a little
experiment of our
own under a Provincial
County Council, which
is still being carried out.

But I do not ask
leave to send the
pamphlet, because I
am quite sure that
you have a great deal
more to tell me, ~~tha~~
if you will be so very
good, than I to say.

Pray grant my request
& pray excuse pencil
& may I be, dear Madam,
yours faithfully &
hopefully
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Redford

{5483/60/2}

Mrs. Redford
Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester

21/4/96

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/61 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 29/96

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Gentlemen

Mrs. Roundell desires
me to send you these
few lines to be added
to her "Agnes Jones"
& to ask you to
"reproduce them in
"facsimile"

your obedt servt.

F. Nightingale

5483/62 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept 1/96

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Gentlemen

I am sorry you have
had this trouble. But
I have only acted
on Mrs. Roundell's
orders.

She desired me to
write out one of
these sentences for
a facsimile = And
I did so & sent
it to her. She

then desired me to
write out the other
for a facsimile
& send it to you -
And I did so on
Saturday -
She then sent me
a whole sheet of
Extracts from my
letters, for her to use
- I understood in
her "paper". But I

Wellcome Ms 5483

may be mistaken in
this. and asked
me to telegraph "Yes" -
And I did so on
Monday , not having
a moment of time
to consider -& she told me you were waiting I
received a letter of
thanks this morning
from her in her
usual gracious way
And this is all I
know F.N.

5483/63 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Sept 10/96
10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W
Gentlemen
I am sorry to refuse any
request of yours - but I
am obliged to decline
giving my address in
any public way whatever
I should be besieged
yet more than I am
already, ~~for~~/with requests
not only from England
but from America for
'interviews" - ~~with~~

Wellcome Ms 5483

for photographs &c &c
- begging letters of every
possible kind,
including requests for
some portion of my
life
F. Nightingale

5483/64 signed letter, 1f, pencil

[6:670]

10 South St June 23/97
 9 a.m.

My dear Sir

The *Belladonna*
plasters for the Patient
are not come -
Was your order left at
Squire's? - Now Squire
never forgets anything.
What are we to do?

[end 6:670]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Dr. Armitage

5483/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil
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[1:728-

No 2 22/11/98
 10, South Street {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W

My dear Sir Douglas

My friend Mrs. Dacre
Craven (you may possibly
remember her under her
maiden name - Miss
Florence Lees - she was
our first Probationer &
our first District Nurse)
writes to me about her
son, my Godson
Waldemar Sigismund Dacre
Craven

Wellcome Ms 5483

will receive his
Commission as 2nd
Lieut in the Royal
Artillery next month
(the youngest Cadet, she
thinks)

He is very anxious to get
appointed to a FIELD
Battery (instead of to a
Garrison Battery) as a
better chance of active service
on "passing out from Woolwich".

His mother wants me to
mention his name to the

W.O. Authorities (or to Sir
Evelyn Wood if I know him
-but I don't) With Sir
Evelyn Wood these
appointments rest?

It is not a question of
preferment or pay.
There is immediate hurry
if it is to be done at all,
I am told -

I am very anxious
about it -

Could you kindly

help me? I don't
know that I know any
one now at the W.O.
who would do it.

Would not you?

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/66 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

Dec 1/98

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

[15:584]

Dear Captain Armitage

We are glad that you
are come home - And I
know not how to thank you
for the beautiful cloth
worked by the natives
& for the delightful
Teneriffe oranges -

I am rather subdued
by a cough - but I
shall hope to see you
before long, as you
kindly propose.

We hope that your
'leave' is a long one
& that you will be
some time in London -

With best Christmas
greetings & thanks for
your kind note

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Poll is in high feathers
& voice & forms the
gratification of many

Wellcome Ms 5483

persons - but he prefers
living in the kitchen in
this ~~illeg~~/ bad weather, where
many go to talk to him
& to hear him talk -
but he is silent not to
say sulky before
strangers whom he
greatly disapproves of.
He is very much grown
& has been presented with
a new cage, upon the top
of which he sometimes sits.

F.N.

Capt. Armitage
&c &c
39 Grosvenor St.
1/12/98

5483/67 signed letter, 1f, pencil

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

Dear Capt. Armitage

How can I thank
you for remembering me
so kindly & sending me
a brace of beautiful
pheasants & a pair
of rabbits wild

With every good wish
for the New Year

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{4583/67/2} [envelope]

Capt. Armitage
The Sports Club
St. James Square

14/1/99

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/68 signed letter, 1f, pencil

March 22/99

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear Miss Knight

I am so overcrowded
with appointments, as
people here generally
are before Easter -

I had just given
away my Friday
which you so kindly
offer me - It is quite full
Could you possibly

come & see me on *Saturday* ~~or~~
~~Thursday~~ at 5 - I
should be so very
sorry not to see you -

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5483/69 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper and
env

June 17/99

10, South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane. W

Dear Capt. Armitage

I could gladly see
you if it were quite
convenient to you to
come on Thursday or
Friday at 5-30, and
if I knew soon on
which day it will be

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

{5483/69/2}

ask if you shall wait for an
answer

Capt. Armitage
39 Grosvenor St.

17/6/99

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/70 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper, env

June 19/99

10, South Steet {printed address:}

Capt. Armitage Park Lane. W

Dear Sir

Thank you for your
kind note.

~~Might~~ I have an
appointment tomorrow
(Tuesday) which I cannot
possibly put off.

But might I see
you at 4.30 tomorrow
(Tuesday) for a quarter
of an hour?

yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

{4583/70/2}

Capt. Armitage

The Sports Club

St. James Square

19/6/99

S.W.

5483/71 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper, env

June 20/99

10, South Street {printed address:}

Capt. Armitage Park Lane. W

My dear Sir

Will you allow me
the pleasure of sending
you a little match box
with your initials to
accompany you on
your travels. It is a
small thing but if it
will recall us to your
remembrance, I shall be

yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5483

{4583/71/2}

with care

Capt. Armitage

39 Grosvenor St.

20/6/99

5483/72 signed letter, 1f, pencil

July 4/99

10, South Street {printed address:}

All hail Park Lane. W

Dear Lady Aberdeen

I am so afraid of
causing you instead of
saving you trouble, as I
would so gladly do.

Unluckily for me, I
am unable to see any
lady to-day (from illness,)
were you kindly desirous
of sending any one -

Fortunately for me, no
one came yesterday.

yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale

{written in the right margin}

I hope to be able to see some one tomorrow

Wellcome Ms 5483

5483/73 signed letter, 2ff, pen

October 15 1900

[14:1047]

To

H. Hurbert Esq
President of the Balaclava
Commemoration Society,
My dear Sir

Thank you for writing
to me about the
Anniversary dinner of
our survivors of the
Balaclava Charge.
Hail to them, & our
dear brethren.

The last words of a
General dying in battle
were:

"Charge: charge: On, on"
So should ours be -
Life is a battle. We can
always say these spirited
true words to each
other, and to our
successors. They are
always to the survivors
timely, never too late.

I am now entirely a
prisoner to my room
from illness: but
none the less do I
cry out to you:

"Charge, charge: On, on"
And still I can do a
little: [I have been
interrupted by business
even in writing this:]

God bless you all:
and he *will* bless
you. 'Fight the good
fight: lay hold on
eternal life'
Our brethren that have
gone before *have*
fought the good
fight. And we are

Wellcome Ms 5483

left to continue it.
St. Paul as our leader
fought it well.

I have sent you a trifle,
wishing it could be more,
for our anniversary
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 14:1047]

5483/74 signed letter, 1f, pen

10, South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane. W
Aug 28, 1905.

{not FN's hand}

Dear Miss Tidy,

Many thanks for
the beautiful Devonshire
wild flowers which
you were so kind
as to send me.

I hope you are

having a refreshing
holiday -

{FN's hand} yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

5483/75 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

{5483/75/1}

[1:469]

I must write our [illeg] wel-
come of your return to the
natives, my dearest, tho'
I dare say you have had many,
& at the same time tell you
how sorry I am not to have
had the letters you wrote
me from Berne, Milan

Frankfort

& especially that from Ve-
nice, which told us how
you liked Tipaldo & his
little wife. but I have
written to all the Directeurs
des Postes to rate them

Wellcome Ms 5483

soundly, & have sent lawyer's letters all round threatening rigorous prosecution, if the letters are not given up. It is the more provoking as Joanna Horner & others have had theirs *safe* - & I am not sure that my case is not one of War, authorizing England to act immediately on the offensive. The natural desire of food, inherent in the human creature & manifested in your desire for a cook, was the

first thing which apprised us of your landing & again the old cover, lithographed to "Miss Nicholson, Waverly", comes forth from its Second Thousand. Miss Clarke left us, alas! at 7 am this day, Ly Sitwell & Mr. S. Wright ditto. Last week we had Major Jebb, Mr. Weld, the Speaker, Sir D. Le Marchant, Baron Rolfe, the Mills, Mr. Keith Mackenzie &c & much we missed your sweet presence - but you will

we hope, grace our next this November. Miss Clarke was called off suddenly by a letter from her sister - & nothing but the judicious arrangement of Parsons in carrying off the knives from the half past 6 o'clock bkfast, wd have preserved my life another moment after she drew off. We have not the remotest conception where you have been since Milan, & therefore I

Wellcome Ms 5483

{5483/75/2}

am shooting in the dark -
but have a great deal to
tell you when we have
re-tied the thread between
us. Meanwhile I am sure,
contrasting these pluviose
scenes with those left be-
hind you, you must long
since have been asleep
while I have been talking,
{two lines scribbled out}

{six lines scribbled out}

The poor natives salute
you & all yours. I mean
to hold on tight to life
till I hear from you,
which will immediately
transport me to a better

world, till which time
I am in haste your ever
humble slave *FN*

A day of incessant rain
has tempted JB.C, Alfy
& Capt. Gifford to a long
day in the turnips, from
which they are just re-
turned - with the birds
they found dead from
drowning.
once more farewell & pardon

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/76 initialed letter, 1f, pen

at Waverly! Ever your beloved
FN.

I was much delighted
at our friends' anxious wish
for our honour, Jack having
also written about certain Tea
paragraphs in Nants Paper -
as without the same, I should
have missed the said agree
able testimony to our deserts,
not having had the same spirit
of research -
{archivist: ? to Marianne Nicholson}

Best thanks to Aunt
Anne for her most hospitable
offer. I will write again
as soon as I can get Mama
to speak more decisively -
& leisurely -

Miss Nightingale
{in another hand} Florence Nightingale

5483/77 signed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Mrs. Clarkson

Though you will not remember
who the Florence Nightingale
is who is writing to you, I hope
you will not be sorry to receive
the enclosed account of Madame
Christophe, which "Aunt Patty"
has sent me, mentioning in her
letter that you might like to
hear it. Aunt Patty writes from
Lucca, where she saw Mme Christophe
& was going on to Florence. She is
in better health - & inquires

Wellcome Ms 5484

particularly after you and Mr.
Clarkson - With the best love
of all my people, believe me,
my dear Mrs. Clarkson, your
obliged & affectionate

Florence Nightingale
Embley. Jan 10

5483/78 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, env

{5483/78/1}

Dear Capt. Galton

Soyer has appointed
himself here at 4 o'clock
today to talk over the
Chatham Kitchen - If you
could come, it might be
settled at once - If

otherwise, we would
forward to you the kitchen=
=conclusions we come to
for your *imprimatur*

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

Thursday 1 P.M.
30 Burlington St.

Capt. Douglas Galton R.E.
Board of Trade

5483/79 signed note, 1f, pen

Please to order the carriage
~~to be here~~ for Mrs. Moore to
take her to Bermondsey -
to be here at 1.30 today

Florence Nightingale
Tuesday Sept. 6
Hampstead

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/80 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

Wedy eveg

Oct 1st

Dear Freddy

I had already
sent over & got the
comfortable news of
your dear Mother's
journey being so well
accomplished & I have
also heard of her from
Mr. Harcourt, who is,
I am sorry to say, now
a professional caller -
I having a violent
attack of influenza.
But I was not the

less obliged to you for
thinking of me.

I assure there are few
people upon whom
such thought is better
bestowed; for I take
the deepest & most affect
tionate interest in her
recovery.

May God grant it
may be complete, &
till then, that she may
have patience & hope & faith
granted to her
abundantly.

I hope you continue to

Wellcome Ms 5484

like South Lea.

It seemed to me a
cheerful place

You will like to hear
that Janet Ross has
been here to day with
her husband - quite well

I don't know what
your father does with
his evening, when he
does not go down.

Tell him he has a
lonely neighbour who
would always be glad
to see him if he is alone

Yours dear Freddy
very sincerely {signature seems to be torn off the paper}

5483/81 signed note, 1f, pen

TO THE NURSES

It is a noble calling,
the calling of Nurses;
but it depends on you
Nurses to make it
noble or not.

Florence Nightingale

5483/82 {5483/82/1} signed receipts, 3ff, pen

{printed form:} Establishment for Gentlewomen during Illness [12:98]

No. 147

Received of {written} Mrs. Shaw
the sum of {written} Ten shillings & Sixpence for
{written} Seven {printed} Days payment in advance, up to
{written} October 2 {printed} for her maintenance.

By order of the Ladies' Committee
{pen} 10/6 Florence Nightingale
{printed} London, {written} Sept. 25 1854

[end 12:98]

Wellcome Ms 5484

{5483/82/2} Received

belonging to the late Mr. John Store
the Sum of Three Pounds 2/0
Paid to Mrs. John Store
£3.2.0

Florence Nightingale
Scutari Sept 15/55

{5483/82/3}

Received from Mr. James Quick
the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
Paid to Mrs. Jane Quick
£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale
Scutari Dec 8/55

{5483/82/4} 27.4/55

Abstract

Nurses	£290.14
General Account	211.12.4

£502.6.4

Deduct

1 Nurse paid at War Office & returned in account No 2 -	£15	"	"
Wine (Wordhouse) not expended - charged in Account <u>No. 3 -</u>	£54	"	"

£69	"	"
£433.	6.	4.

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/1 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

T. Poyser

[6:512-13]

My dear Sir

I return Dr. Conolly with many, many thanks. We have read it with the utmost interest. It is truly beautiful. I see his view of Idiots agrees with that of Dr. Fowler & so many others - that, as is the case of the Deaf & Dumb, so in that of these unfinished creatures the sensorial apparatus must be first aroused by Art, in the same way in which, in the healthy infant, it is done by Nature. That the intellectual deficiencies are merely from want of the food supplied by the senses, which, in the perfectly healthy infant, having each their

appetites, are aroused to seek for their own information concerning the objects without, whereby the Intellectual faculties receive their education naturally. But, in the idiotic infant, comparison remains limited, judgment imperfect, "not on account of any defective Mind, but because the "adjustments" had not the requisite stimuli to educate themselves from the senses being, as it were, closed to natural influences - not placed in contact with exterior objects, & the "Muscular Sense" being incomplete. If now the appetite of the Perceptive Powers can be roused, by objects being presented to them artificially,

Wellcome Ms 5484

Imitation existed, the muscular adjustments exercised, then the miracle is performed the Child learn to adjust its attention, its senses, its muscular powers, more or less, & Intellect, more or less, follows. I cannot sufficiently thank you for having given us the opportunity of reading this admirable book. I have had a very good answer from Dr. Fowler, to the paper on Duality, which you were good enough to send him. I would send it you, but that I am afraid that you would not be able to read his blind handwriting - I was truly sorry to hear that you had not been

able to accomplish your visit to Paris, as the Idiots at the Bicêtre are alone well worthy as visit, & quite equal to Dr. Conolly's account of them.

Some medicine, which the Gentleman who sometimes attends your patient, promised to send Mrs. Flint, has, by some mistake, not yet arrived. I should also be very much obliged to you for the Prescription for her, which you wished her to continue & for the Prescription for my sister. The old lady's leg (Mrs Else) is so much better for your Lotion, that she would be glad of some more. And E. Allen has found so much

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/2 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

I should have been very
glad to have heard any
think about Mrs. Henderson's
projected foundation.

With many thanks for
your letter, most interesting
to me, believe me

ever most truly yours

Florence Nightingale

(in great haste)

We are daily fighting
the battle with our
London Vestries -
the most awful of
all jobbers - & Boards
{local} of Works.

5483/83/3 initialed letter fragment, 1f, pen

Miss Jones left
me this mornng. I
want to add this
to my letter to Mrs.
Fowler - 6 wards
are not under
"Sisters" at all (at
King's Coll. Hosp=)
but under Nurses
entirely - i.e. rather
more than half the
Hospl.

I send you a
little sketch in print
I had made of my
views of Hospital
Nursing. And I
can only say Miss Jones
answers to these
views perfectly.

It is "Private", as
you see - But Mrs. Fowler
might see it.

ever your

F.

Wellcome Ms 5484

with what (in itself
{7 lines scribbled out})

5483/83/4 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

some alterations, & , if
I can, abridgements -
so as to enable it
to be read *without*
the Appendices which
will save you the
trouble of doing so.

Yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Miss Craig

Pray allow me to
thank you for your
kind wishes for the

New Year - & to hope
that you may have
many; & happier ones
than I can - But I
wish to be grateful to
God who allows me
still to carry on His
work, altho' in the
midst of heavy sorrows,
{~~illeg~~} from having
lost by death nearly
all my fellow workers
- and I only am left
to continue, (such a
poor creature as I am)
what *they* did so
manfully. I would not
speak so openly but that your
{written in the left margin}
kindness encourages me - FN.

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/5 signed letter fragment, 2ff, pen

Indeed it is now
2 ½ years since I
was told that I
could expect nothing
but an increase of
illness till my
death.

I am too so
overwhelmed with
business - such
business as can
be transacted on
a sofa - that it ~~is~~
must excuse my
delay in answering
your kind note -

But I was
unwilling that any

one should answer it
but myself & still
more unwilling that
you should attribute
my declining your
request to indifference
or to any but the
real motive -

Believe me to be
dear Madam
sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
The great cities of the North,
Liverpool, Manchester &c
are to me so interesting
that I wish I *could* help

{4 lines scribbled out}

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/6 signed letter, 1f, pen {archivist:} Autograph of Florence Nightingale

MS

Sir

In beginning a new Hospital, it is of the greatest consequence to ~~as~~ obtain the best information I therefore take the liberty of applying to you, in common with many others, & of begging that you will kindly take the trouble to answer the following queries -

5483/83/7 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen

"And when their legs were cutted off

They fought upon their stumps" -

It seems to me that the
Sanitary "legs" of India
have undergone amputations
lately. without
however poetic genius
being evolved.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/8 signed letter fragment, 2ff, pen

[2]

act sufficiently.

I cannot find out that
there is any love affair.
But indeed if I did not
know her well enough to be
all but sure there is none,
I should not be likely to
find it out now.

She herself attributes her
state entirely to her brother's
death -

Her father died of heart
disease: her mother & brother
of consumption. She has no
home.

I thought I would write
you this account before
you sent her Medicine.
In the night I made up
my mind that I would
ask you to look in today

Wellcome Ms 5484

as if to see *me*: feeling it
impossible that I could
run the risk of such
another night for her, with
no old (woman) servant
in the house whom I
could trust.

But you will judge best
what to do: ~~& what~~
about seeing her to day:
& what the danger may be.
[Mrs. Swann came here
asking last night at 9
o'clock to see me. I
could not see her but
she slept in the house:
& is here till this evening.]

I wrote to the man at
Nottingham for his Acct.
for the Lithia & Potl Typhons:
but he said he had sent
it to you. Pray let me
pay it.

I trust you will not
think me unduly nervous:
Pray believe me
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/9 signed letter fragment, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

& Hospital Improvement
Commission is to be
adopted as the basis,
then Sir Proby Cautley
& Sir Ronald Martin,
with Mr. Rawlinson,
will have to act on
it, when Indian
questions are discussed.
If an India Office
Commission is appointed,
it should consist of
Sir P. Cautley
R. Martin
Dr. Sutherland
Capt. Galton
Mr. Rawlinson
But this is only for

your own information.
The *necessity* of the
four Commissions
must be urged on
the public - the NAMES
must be left to
the W.O. and the
I.O., with whom
I am in communication.

I will not
write a long letter,
because you are so
thoroughly up to the
subject.

My kind regards
to "Maria". Ever yours
gratefully & beseechingly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 5484

5483/83/10 envelope, 1f, pen postmarked: CROMFORD D SP23 6?1

S. Dixon Spain
2 Lansdowne St.
Anlarby Road
Hull

23/9/81

{archivist: Florence Nightingale}

5483/83/11 envelope, 1f, pen

[2] 3 pamphlets
1 fly sheet
Sir Robert Rawlinson &c &c &c
11 Boltons
Brompton

F Nightingale}
23/1/93 }

5483/83/12 envelope, 1f, pen

Colonel H. Yule CB. R.E.
India Office
Florence Nightingale
26/5/83

with Florence Nightingale's compliments

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Ms 5484 miscellaneous correspondence, 18 items, clippings, one envelope of loose, plus a book with items pasted in

5484 f18 FN printed letter *Derby Mercury* clipping [14:438]

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

12 April 1855

I am very sorry to have to communicate to you the illness of your poor son, Private John Cope, 95th Regiment, No. 2884. He was admitted here about ten days ago suffering from diarrhea. He was immediately attended to by surgeons, by one of my nurses and myself. He was fed in small quantities and frequently with port wine and arrowroot. He wished very much to have a letter written to you, and two or three times I went to him for the purpose, but he was always too weak and put it off, and once he wandered and said it was done. He often murmured, "dear, dear mother!" and tried to say many things to you-- that he was well cared for and wanted for nothing--that he had no wish for anything. I sent for the chaplain, who came twice, and both times he was quite sensible and prayed fervently, and said he was quite happy in mind and could follow all that was said. He spoke little after this, and sank rapidly and died at 2 o'clock on the morning of Easter Sunday, quite quietly and without pain, in the full hope of a resurrection with Him who rose again on that day.

I remain with true sympathy for your grief,
yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

P.S. I would have sent you something of his, but he left nothing.

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5484 F18 FN printed letter *Derby Mercury* 12 April 1855 to parents of John Cope from BH, clipping Wellcome 5484 f18

LETTER FROM MISS NIGHTINGALE--The following is a true copy of a letter from Miss Nightingale, to the parents of John Cope, of Spondon, near Derby:-- Barrack Hospital, Scutari, April 12 1855.--I am very sorry to have to communicate to you the illness of your poor son, Private John Cope, 95th Regiment, No. 2,884. He was admitted here about ten days ago suffering from diarrhoea. He was immediately attended to by surgeons, by one of my nurses and myself. He was fed in small quantities and frequently with port wine and arrowroot. He wished very much to have a letter written to you, and two or three times I went to him for the purpose, but he was always too weak and put it off, and once he wandered and said it was done. He often murmured, "dear, dear mother!" and tried to say many things to you--that he was well cared for and wanted for nothing--that he had no wish for anything. I sent for the chaplain, who came twice, and both times he was quite sensible and prayed fervently, and said he was quite happy in mind and could follow all that was said. He spoke little after this, and sank rapidly and died at 2 o'clock on the morning of Easter Sunday, quite quietly and without pain, in the full hope of a resurrection with Him who rose again on that day. I remain with true sympathy for your grief, yours sincerely, Florence Nightingale.-- P.S. I would have sent you something of his, but he left nothing.--*Derby Mercury*

5484 f37v copy of a letter to the householders of East Wellow, copy, Wellcome Ms 8997/15

Your words of affectionate sympathy come home to my heart and will be ever treasured among recollections dear to me. I have read each well remembered name, in your memorial with grateful pleasure in having been thus remembered by you.

My friends, if I have been permitted a little to labour in God's work I may not call your kind words my reward, because our Father's work needs no reward, and to soothe such sufferings as we saw bravely borne was a solace which could only make us grateful to be so employed. But this I will say--your words shall cheer me on, while life lasts, in doing such work as may yet be permitted to me. The country you live in is, indeed my well-beloved home. Its woods and fields, and cottages are cherished, in my remembrance. It will gladden me to see them again whenever my work shall permit. But I shall best show the value of your sympathy if, in it I find encouragement still

Wellcome Ms 5484

to do what I can, even though it keep me at a distance from my home. We can do no more for those who have suffered and died in their country's service. They need our help no longer. Their spirits are with

God who gave them. It remains to us to strive that their sufferings may not have been endured in vain, to endeavour so to learn from experience as to lessen such sufferings in future by forethought and wise management.

God bless you all, I say with all my heart, and I will beg of you to think of me always as
your faithful friend and wellwisher
Florence Nightingale

5484 f38 printed letter, draft, Ms 8997/ reprinted in Mary Cowden Clarke, *Florence Nightingale*, "New York Times 11 December 1857

Lea Hurst

Matlock

23 October 1856

My dear Lydia

The purpose mentioned to me in your letter has my deepest sympathy. It would have been most congenial with my feelings on my return from the death beds of so many brave men, to take a part in it. I shall be with the men of Sheffield in spirit, whenever they execute their proposed plan. It is with real pain that I feel compelled to decline the privilege which they offer me--of laying the first stone. But I believe I shall best honour the cause of those brave dead by abstaining from appearing to court that publicity which I consider to have been my greatest impediment in the work I have been engaged in for their sakes, impeding it by arousing in some minds care for worldly distinction.

I will ask you to give this letter to Mr Overend. And I should be glad that Mr Overend should make known to those who had expressed a desire that I should lay the first stone my reasons & my sorrow for not doing so, and should say also that I feel an especial regret in declining this at Sheffield from old & dear family recollections connected with the place. I must apologize for so late an answer, as I have only just returned home.

Believe me, my dear Lydia, ever very truly yours

Florence Nightingale

Miss Shore, Meersbrook

5484 f38v printed extract no date, evidently at Lord Mayor's meeting. "Sergeant Holloway, 32d Regiment, having been called upon to bear testimony to the kindness, attention and exertion of Miss Nightingale and the nurses under her control said, my lord mayor, my lord lieutenant and gentlemen, I have great pleasure in bearing out what my friend Mr O'Dwyer said relative to the nurses in the Crimea who attended on the sick and wounded soldiers. (Cheers) I myself was

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ordered to one of these hospitals for medical attendance and that worthy lady, Miss Nightingale, was there. I was admitted and treated as a soldier under her superintendence (hear hear) and I can appreciate her exertions. I was a patient in that hospital for three months suffering from my wounds, and when I recovered I was employed as wardmaster in the hospital, which appointment gave me an opportunity of appreciating the attendance which she gave to the sick, the wounded and the dying, and when I was told to parade the hospital through the different hours of night I found her in attendance with her jug of wine and arrowroot for the sick and wounded. When I was called upon to attend and tender my assistance in carrying out those duties she required me to perform, in keeping the stores which the hon gentlemen of England so generously sent out to us, I have always found her present there to see that they were all correct, and to issue orders to the wardmasters and to take care that the wounded and sick men of her division were treated as soldiers ought to be treated--to see that they were properly attended to.....if ever we are called to the field again, may we never want a Nightingale! (Great cheering)

5484 f40 printed letter from FN looks n.d. The workmen in a large manufactory in the neighbourhood of Newcastle-upon-Tyne sent an address to Miss Nightingale congratulating her on her return. FN replied:

23 August [1856]

My dear Friends, I wish it were in my power to tell you what was in my heart when I received your letter; your welcome home, your sympathy with what has been passing while I have been absent, have touched me more than I can tell in words. My dear friends, the things that are deepest in our hearts are perhaps what it is most difficult to us to express.

"She hath done what she could." Those words I inscribed on the tomb of one of my best helpers, whom I left in the graveyard at Scutari. It has been my endeavour, in the sight of God, to do as she has done. I will not speak of reward, when permitted to do our country's work. It is what we live for. But I may say that to receive sympathy from affectionate hearts like yours is the greatest support, the greatest gratification, that it is possible for me to receive from man. I thank you all, the 1800, with grateful, tender affection, and I should have written before to do so, were not the business which my return has not ended almost more than I can manage.

Pray believe me, my dear friends,
yours faithfully and gratefully
Florence Nightingale

f40 copy of a letter by Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St. London W.
21 May 1860

Dear Madam

Wellcome Ms 5484

I have long wished to contribute , if I could, to the good you are doing, and to know more about your own idea of the way in which it should be extended.

I will ask you to accept the mite I send.

I am myself overwhelmed with business and illness, from which there is no prospect of release for me but death.

But it would give me the truest pleasure to know a little more of (and to help, if I could) the effort you are making so successfully and in a way so interesting to me.

Yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

Forgive my addressing you *not* like a stranger.

5484 f33 FN printed letter to the Earl of Ellesmere [14:284-85]

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

10 December 1855

My lord, I beg to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter of the 15th ultimo. It should have been earlier acknowledged, had it not followed me to the Crimea, where I then was.

While somewhat unwilling to increase my responsibilities, I feel so deeply the kindness with which you put your proposal that I will endeavour to carry out your lordship's intentions to the best of my power, should I be doing so by distributing the admirable articles of comfort which the liberality of the committee has placed under my charge, upon the same plan which I have found desirable to adopt in the distribution of the free gifts and funds already entrusted to me.

As I have been sometimes blamed by the authorities here for being hasty and profuse in the application of articles to the soldiers' use, while at home I have been charged with hoarding these stores, I will venture to explain to your lordship the principle upon which I have administered them, and my reasons for so doing, in order that I may not undertake a charge in a manner which, perhaps, you may not sanction.

In Scutari I have made it my practice to answer every requisition of a medical officer, when countersigned by a first-class staff surgeon, or of a purveyor, if it were ascertained that such articles did not exist in the purveyor's or quartermaster's or barrack master's stores. This applies to the three hospitals of Scutari, as regards the depot, I have answered the requisition of every commanding officer.

From the Crimea, including Kertch, and from the Bosphorus, including Koulali and the naval hospital at Therapia, from the Dardanelles, including Abydos, Renkioi, from Smyrna, from the Osmanli Horse Artillery and Cavalry, and also from the hospitals of our allies, the Sardinians at Kenikoi [wrong] and Balaclava, I have answered every requisition, whether from medical officer, chaplain, superintendent of nurses, or commanding officer. I have kept an exact record of every article thus given or sent by me.

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The accounts of articles thus distributed in the hospitals of Scutari, up to 15 February 1855, have been printed in the "Blue Book" entitled "Report upon the State of the Hospitals of the British Army in the Crimea and Scutari." I have, besides, given to each soldier on leaving hospital a set of warm clothing and of articles of comfort, such as soap, brush and comb, housewife with needles, thread, buttons, scissors, etc., to repair his own clothing--the choice of such articles depending on whether he is returning home invalided, or convalescent to his regiment.

The difficulties existing in the distribution of the gifts of our general friends at home are, perhaps, hardly appreciable excepting by those who have been in the Crimea, but will be at once recognized by the excellent agents of your association.

1. That the authorities here, firstly, object to an indiscriminate generosity, the soldier being frequently liable to exchange *superfluity* for drink.

2. That the soldier is necessarily limited as to baggage, and cannot carry with him more than a certain quantity.

3. That were I to send articles *unasked for*, and which the purveyor's, quartermaster's or barrack master's stores already possess, this would be to ensure the waste of the valuable property so liberally contributed and committed to my charge, upon which account I have made the rules above-mentioned. When, however, I sate that in the three months ending 15 February 1855, upwards of 17,000 shirts, cotton and flannel, had been distributed by me in answer to medical requisitions in the hospital[s] of Scutari alone, it will appear that the generosity of our country has not been wasted. I beg leave only to add my conviction that the whole of this property, which the Crimean Fund Association would entrust to my care may be usefully applied during the present war. My report of the distribution of all articles committed to my charge will be printed, in order that they may be thus accounted for.

I have written a much longer letter than is at all convenient to your lordship's time, feeling it to be my duty to offer an explanation before undertaking a charge, of the manner in which it would be discharged.

I have the honour to be, my Lord
your obedient servant
Florence Nightingale
The Earl of Ellesmere, &c &c

5484 f35, dictated letter, finished by FN, copy 8995/35

Scutari Hospital
Septr 27 [55]

[14:219-20]

Mrs Pratt.

I am most sincerely grieved to be obliged

Wellcome Ms 5484

to send you sad news of
your Husband. He came
into this Hospital 4 days
ago, He then appeared ex-
hausted from long con-
tinued Diarrhea. My
head nurse & myself saw

him immediately that
he was brought in. He
appeared very glad to
get here - he said to me
"Now I shall get food that
I like --now I shall get
well." For a couple of days
he went on very well
He took much food to build
up his strength, which was
given to him, a little at a
time, as often as he could
take it. He liked our tea
& broth & pudding &

appeared to take all with
pleasure, but yesterday
he appeared to yet worse,
He took his tea, however,
from the nurse, at 5 o'clock
as usual, but at 7, I grieve
to say, he sank, while
the nurse & wardmaster
were standing by his bed
His death was at last
rather sudden. I hope it
may be some comfort to
you that he had all the
care possible here- The
Doctor who attended him

was very attentive, as was
the nurse who attended to
his ward, & I saw him my
self everyday as did also
my head nurse. He had also
the attendance of the Chaplain
He asked me to write to
you, though at that time, he
did not appear to anticipate
that he should not recover.

Wellcome Ms 5484

he asked me to send you
£2.10 which will reach you
by Post Office order. The last
time I saw him he could not
speak very distinctly &
I was not sure what he
said, but I think he

desired to be remem-
bered to your Father
& Mother- He was most
grateful & patient &
quite resigned. I am
truly grieved for the
sorrow this letter must
give you. I hope you
may find comfort
in your sad loss in
thinking that his earthly
trial is over, & in the
hope of a happy

meeting in a better
world.

I remain

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

5484 FN letter, pent 29/55, copy in 8995/60

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

Oct 29/55

[14:253]

My dear Mrs. Pratt

Your letter to Miss Salisbury
was forwarded to me here, where
I have been call'd by my Hospital
duties - I think you are entitled
to assistance from the "Patriotic Fund"
You must apply to the Secretary -

16a Great George St
Westminster

& you must state as follows -

Ellen Pratt
28 Tenton Row, Hyson Green
Nottinghamshire
Widow

Here state your age & your Parish
widow of Edward Pratt

Wellcome Ms 5484

No.1717 Land Transport Corps -
serving in the same when he fell sick
died Sepr 26/55 of Diarrhoea at
Scutari Barrack Hospital -

Sickness contracted while in
discharge of his duty, (enclose *my*
certificate, state when & where
you were married -
shew your marriage certificate
to the Person who signs your
application -

Three boys

aged 8 years

4 years

1 year

{state if they are all actually
dependent on you & then state
if you have other relief & *what*,
also your means of obtaining
a livelihood, & *how much*, &
if you or your children have any
infirmity - get a surgeon to
certify it - Have the statement

sign'd by a Magistrate or
Minister, & sent to the above
direction I will apply to
the Land Transport Corps here
for your late husband's arrears of
pay to be transmitted to you, if any.
I sent you all the money he had
by him at his own desire - He had
no watch His clothing will be sold
& the proceeds transmitted to you

I remain with true sympathy
for you great loss, yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 14:253]

5482 f22 clipping from Boston Guardian from a widow, in *The Observer* 1
Oct 1855: *Times* 29 September 1855 7D

"Scutari, Barrack Hospital, Aug. 18, 1855.
Dear Mrs. - - , I very much regret to be obliged
to inform you that your husband, - - of the
Artillery, was brought in here sick of diarrhoea, with symp-
toms of fever, on the 1th of August, from the Crimea. He
asked me for a religious book, and I gave him the enclosed.
He told me afterwards that he liked it very much, and so I

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send it to you, with another which he was already reading, a New Testament, and a letter of yours, which was under his pillow, and his purse, containing 11 1s. He was taken worse on the 13th, and became delirious. He was most carefully attended by two doctors, by the chaplain, by myself, and by a kind, and skilful nurse. He was very grateful and good, but alas! nothing could save him, and he died at eleven o'clock the same night. How sorry I am to tell you this bad news I cannot say. From the little I saw of your husband, I should say that his was a heart turned to God and accepted by Him. Let us hope that what is your loss is his gain. He often spoke of you. Believe me yours, with true sympathy, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE."