

**From Florence Nightingale (photocopies: originals retained by owner). Some concerned with 'Private Report'; others with foundation of Red Cross; training of orderlies; chair of Military Surgery. Also includes memorandum explaining why Professor of Pathology at Army Medical School receives smaller salary than his colleagues**

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L.

at the Meeting.  
It was a great oversight. And, Altho' he has apologized, he tells me, & all these gentlemen - yet that does not remove the mischief of the want of their support at the Meeting -  
I send you the "Times" advertisement of the same.

JP 54/1

John Longmore  
Soldiers Home  
at Chatham

30 Old Burlington Street.  
W.

June 19/61

Dear Sir,  
I was exceedingly sorry to find that, after you had so kindly offered to open a subscription here for "Soldiers' Home" (at Chatham) and after Mr. Gibson had consented to be present at the Meeting, a provoking

19 June 1861

Mistake had occurred  
 being, as Capt. P.  
 Jackson himself said,  
 & his "want of  
 experience in  
 conducting the  
 business of a  
 Public Meeting."

[Capt. Pilkington  
 Jackson, R.A. was  
 the originator of the  
 Soldiers' Homes at  
 Gibraltar.]

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I informed him of  
 the contents of your  
 two kind letters -

And he informed  
 me that by a mistake,  
 with which it is  
 useless to trouble you,  
 a packet of letters  
 had never been sent  
 to

the Director General  
 R. M. Miles & Mr.  
 and other M.P.s  
 who had promised  
 to attend & speak

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And I hope that  
you will still give  
your assistance to an  
object which so  
well deserves it.

The vote for  
Chatham Institute,  
altho' it has not  
passed yet the House  
of Commons, is, I  
understand, as  
certain as if it  
had. And I am told  
believe there is  
no lack of private  
subscriptions there.

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19 June 1861

Altho' if there were  
 & you would kindly  
 inform me, I believe  
 I could be of some  
 help in that quarter.

But we are  
 very anxious to  
 extend, especially  
 to Allschoot, where  
 the abominations  
 which go on just  
 outside the lines  
 are such as are  
 rarely seen in  
 civilized life, the

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benefits of a place  
 where the men  
 can have refreshment,  
 rest & amusement  
 which now they  
 can only seek at  
 the Canteen or the  
 Public house, when  
 out of Barracks.

4. Alexander had been  
 alive, I should not  
 have liked to have  
 been that off. I suppose  
 in his hands. He  
 ought to be sent to  
 your School at  
 Chatham. For he  
 has not so much  
 as read the Medical  
 Regulations, which  
 specially bind the  
 Med. Off. I make  
 representations to  
 the C.O. upon the  
 camping, line of  
 march &c. &c.

30 B. Rushington St.  
 W. June 26/61

My dear Sir  
 I do not like  
 to refuse Mr. Marc's  
 request, for the  
 sake of his friend  
 & mine, poor  
 Alexander. He  
 will see that I  
 have done Alexander  
 full justice. And  
 when I wrote those  
 Analyses of the  
 Med. Off.'s Corres-  
 pondence, curiously

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26 June 1861

know. I had never  
seen Alexander.

But I do hope  
that the publicity  
will stop at Dr.  
Mure. No good  
but reason of the  
cause would accrue  
from re-opening  
those old sores  
now. And therefore  
I must beg that  
Dr. Mure does  
not even mention  
this "Private" Report  
further.

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IP. 54/2

I read with the  
greatest shame the  
evidence (at the  
inquest) given by the  
Assistant Surgeon  
in charge of the  
detachment of  
Guards, marched  
from Kingston to  
Guildford. After  
all that has been  
done for Medical  
Officers, that there  
should be one who  
holds such opinions  
is a matter of shame.  
Upon my word that

1. 9 Chesterfield St  
London W  
May 5/62 V

My dear Sir  
I only write these  
few words (in great  
haste) today - to  
acknowledge the very  
kind gift of Mr. Giff,  
which I have paid  
into the hands of the  
Hon. Secy of the  
"Herbert Memorial".

I send you my  
copy of the Report of  
the Meeting. I will  
try to ascertain  
whether it is now to

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5 May 1862

be had. I agree with you that a much greater circulation should have been attempted. Do not trouble yourself to return my copy. To be receiving the whole subject is so painful (I mean in his not having met with the recognition he deserved as you so truly do) that I had almost rather be without the copy. The War Office does not follow his traditions which is the only gratitude he would have cared for.

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LP. 54/3

Two parts of your kind letter in which both of which I fully concur, caused me great pain. I may perhaps some day have to write to you more fully about them. They were no surprise.

4. himself - But I agree with Cassady who says that, of all classes of men who can read & write, the clergy are they who have least knowledge how practically to work human affairs.

When, about the time of my dear Master's death, the American for. S. wrote I owe you all these things, I sent all the War Office Blue Books,

9. Hampstead NW  
Oct 7/62

My dear Sir  
I am extremely indebted to you for your kindness & consideration for me in sending me St. Maur's remark.

Would you be so kind as to write to him & to say that I am exceedingly grateful to him for having prevented

7 Oct. 1862

a thing which would have given me so much pain, & been so hurtful in itself, as the publication of that "Private"

Report - and would you say that, if he thinks it advisable I put a stop to it more effectually, I should be truly obliged to him to do so using my authority, & saying that, however useful they may suppose

LP. 54/4

it to be I put in circulation. Certain papers, it would be a direct breach of faith in them to do so, or in me to allow it.

I cannot tell you how obliged I am to Dr. Whin for his prompt interference.

I have no idea how the Bp of London could have got hold of it, unless Lord Russell gave it him.

LP. 54/4

d 5.

7 Oct. 1862

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Printed Reports &  
Regulations, but  
directly refused to  
send them this

I am very glad  
to hear a not-  
unfavourable report  
of the poor Americans  
from Dr. Muir's  
account.

LP 54/5

who is absorbed with  
poor Lady Clark's  
suffering decline -  
is the only man who  
could bring Dr. Parker  
to consent. And  
without his consent  
of course we can do  
nothing.

Since then, papers  
have reached me, of  
which I dare say  
you have cognizance,  
by Dr. Parker's desire,  
tho' his name is Clark.  
I hope that all these  
things will be satisfactory  
arranged at a meeting  
at the W.O. next week  
Yours sincerely F. Nightingale

32, South Street,  
Cressener Square, W.

Nov 8/62

My dear Sir  
I should be very sorry  
that you should think  
that your kind & wise  
letter of Mar(?) last  
had been neglected.  
I have always  
had it in my head.  
I wrote to the  
W.O. about it. But  
as you did not wish  
your name to be  
mentioned, they require  
some quote-able  
medical authority.

8 Nov. 1862

I then wrote Dr. Lutherland, but as he did not begin inclined to this. I wrote to Sir James Clark.

After a good deal of correspondence between the W.O. & me, it has ended most unsatisfactorily in Dr. Lunan (sent by Sir J. Clark) & Dr. Parker coming <sup>together</sup> to the conclusion that he has nothing the matter with him.

L.P. 54/5

The whole of my action tended only to this: to the great importance of finding an agréé of the Dr. Parker Assistant & afterwards his successor - not a "finding" Dr. Parker in a condemned state of health.

I hope the subject will be brought forward again. Sir James Clark who was much struck with your "dearable" letter, which I showed him in private - but

LP. 54/6

4. The *Chironomids* are  
of the *Netley*, are  
laying up all the  
ground -

I sent to the W.O.  
some days ago copies  
of *Tablet* (of mine)  
for registering surgical  
operations - under  
cover to Dr. Parker -  
for you - E.W.

Private  
to General How  
at Kameo, S.W.  
Feb 25/63

My dear Sir  
I am sorry I do  
not have all complaints  
about the deficiency  
of accommodation  
ground & about  
*Netley* are well  
founded -

The Committee,  
now sitting "upon you",  
has taken this into  
account, & recommends  
the A.V. if you  
choose to take house  
in, or in the immediate

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25 Feb. 1863

vicinity of Southampton,  
(where the best houses  
are to be had,) to  
allow you carriage  
"accommodation" to  
take you & x from  
Putney.

I have submitted  
the substance of  
your letter to ~~Putney~~  
the W.O.

I think it not  
unlikely that they  
will take next  
year a grant to

3.

LP 57/6

build you houses  
for hire. But these  
houses will not  
be ready for two.

private speculation  
will have built  
houses enough (at  
space) round  
Putney. So is said  
that private  
speculators, since  
they have heard

LP. 54/7

4.  
obviate the necessity  
of future voluntary efforts  
as far as possible.

If the present Regulations  
are not sufficient to  
provide for wounded  
they should be made  
so. But it would be an  
error to revert to a  
voluntary system; or to  
weaken the military  
character of the present  
system by introducing  
voluntary effort, unless  
such effort were to  
become military in its  
organization.

The W.C. proposes

Private

115, Park Street, W.

July 23/64

My dear Sir

I am afraid you  
will be rather surprised  
at the writing of you  
on the following subject  
- but not so much  
surprised as I am  
at being desired to  
do so.

Lord de Frey is absent  
I request you & Dr.  
Cuthbertson to represent  
the W.C. at the Geneva

23 July 1864

Conference in August.  
- & wishes you & I have  
an authorized <sup>W. J.</sup> account  
with you as to our  
possession for sick &  
wounded in the Pitt.  
Army.

The Conference has, as you know, advocated a voluntary international system of purveying & marketing.

I need hardly say  
that I think his  
views more abstruse-  
just such as would  
originate in a little

states, like Venezuela, & others  
which remain can see  
war. They tend to  
remove responsibility  
from governments.  
They are practically  
impracticable. And  
voluntary effort is  
desirable, just in so  
far as it can be  
incorporated into  
military system.]

The present system  
(military) is the result  
of voluntary addition  
to the service made  
during the Crimean War,  
but was prepared to

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LP 54/7

5. <sup>23 July 1864</sup> <sup>P. 2.</sup>  
I draw up such a  
statement of our  
present arrangements  
as will satisfy the  
Geneva folk that every  
precaution has been  
taken & can be taken

& make it as strong  
& as complete as  
possible - then return  
it to me. I will  
send it to the W. C. -  
& they will make

113 Park Street, N.

6.

23 July 1864

an authoritative  
document one of it  
The matter rather  
proper, as the Conference  
meets early in August.  
Yours, Mrs. Dean Lin.

LP. 54/7

LP. 54/8

Rustic

Hampton N.W.  
Aug 25/64

My dear Sir

I have only just  
heard of your return.

I have made all  
possible use, privately,  
of the information  
contained in the  
enclosed papers, which  
I return according to  
your desire.

I cannot believe  
that anything so  
preposterous & so  
destructive to the

2.

25 Aug. 1864

Medical School, will  
even be entertained  
for a moment -

But, as you say,  
"forewarned is forearmed."  
And I hope our present  
chief is now forearmed.

In all events, it is  
a great comfort & me  
I know - What you so  
kindly tell me - that  
the Professors of the  
Army Med. School,  
in whose hands its  
destinies really lie,

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& who have so wisely  
upheld them, are  
determined to maintain  
the intentions of the  
founder -

LP. 54/8

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25 Aug. 1864

Another Commission, it  
 should call upon  
 Netter & furnish its  
 own plan: -  
 that the W.O. should  
 ask the Governor Col.  
 W. & report & then  
 on the present method  
 of training Officers at  
 Netter for Field Service,  
 and, in consultation  
 with the P.M.O., and  
 Professors of the Medical  
 School, & further  
 report on any improvements

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in the means of training  
 which experience may  
 have suggested.

LP. 54/8

I hope this is the course  
 the W.O. will adopt -  
 And I mention it to  
 you, that you may see  
 your suggestions have  
 not been neglected -  
 & that you may put  
 in your valuable advice  
 at the consultation  
 which will doubtless  
 take place at Netter,  
 in pursuance of the  
 W.O. letter - when it is sent.

7. I have no doubt that  
there must be special  
instructors, as you  
suggest.

Eto.

4.

25 July 1864.

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I would not reflect  
I tell you that your  
Memorandum about the No-  
training of Adlerkin  
was very valuable -

I have always feared  
it would be so - that  
the miles of work at  
Kettles would seriously  
interfere with the  
proper training -

What I have ventured  
to advise the W.V. is  
this: -

That, in lieu of having

L.P. 54/9

May 26/65  
34 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir. ✓  
No doubt you have  
been the accompanying  
little book, on "Help  
in Accidents," which  
has been sent to  
me.  
Will you be so good

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26 May 1865

as I tell me what  
you think of it -  
and whether it  
would be at all  
an useful Aide-  
Memoire in your  
training of Cadets  
for Field Service?  
I congratulate you

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on your success in  
bringing about that  
object, which I  
really hope is now  
near its beginning.

Yours sincerely  
Thos. H. St. John

Please be so kind  
as return me the  
late book on "First  
Aids in Accidents"

LP 54/10

Oct 4/65

34 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My Dear Sir,

I was sorry but was  
distracted at your note  
- how sorry I need  
hardly say.

I have taken such  
steps as I could - & hope  
I have I write to you  
again about it.

I do not have nothing  
new to say in repeating  
to the W.O. What I have  
always said - that you

4 Oct. 1865

LP. 54/10

have made a heartily  
sacrifice of yourself  
& that they were not  
then, if they accepted  
of it.

But we have hardly a  
man now in the field.

Yours ever sincerely  
F. Hightham

L.P. 54/11

4. Believe me  
ever faithfully yours  
Florence Nightingale  
A. S. Longmore Esq

Private.  
June 18/66  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.  
My dear Sir ✓  
I have never  
thanked you for  
your pamphlet (Keston)  
but I have directed  
the attention of the  
War Office to this  
point viz. that  
the Ambulance Corps

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18 June 1866

is not in training.  
We are indeed  
obliged to you for  
drawing attention  
to this.

I have been  
worrying about your  
present state of  
preparation for the  
Lithuanian project. But

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I am afraid I have  
been saying what is  
not the case -

I hope (but I am  
tired of hoping) that  
the W.O. will put  
itself into communication  
with you, in order  
to see the thing done.  
We know not what  
a day may bring  
forth in Europe.

EP. 54/12

Feb 14/64

35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London, W.

Private  
to Bureau

My dear Sir

That is a desperate  
blunder indeed, concerning  
which you have kindly  
sent me a copy of Dr.  
Smith's paper. I have  
written about it, without  
mentioning my authority  
or Dr. Smith's case, which  
you say, has gone in & the  
Acting D. G.; - [but I have,  
as you know, small faults  
in anything that can be  
said or written now]. However,  
we shall see what comes of  
it.

JP. 54/12

14 Feb. 1867

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✓ About the other matter:—  
the Ladies' Committee for the  
Relief of the Sick & Wounded—  
— it had entirely slipped my  
memory. But it does not  
alter the substance of what  
I said. For that Committee  
had no more to do with  
the International Society  
(of Geneva) for Wounded—  
than it had to do with  
the London-Bordered Railway  
Terminus. Which lasted just  
one fortnight. But, as I  
have made a blunder in  
telling you that there had  
been no Committee upon  
which I was, I had better  
tell you how this arose—

When war was first declared  
last year, I was applied to in

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Do private capacity, by  
Italy, Prussia & Haps.  
Dated about the  
organization of Field &  
other War Hospitals,  
including Nursing.  
I was not asked for any  
other help. But after  
Königplatz, Sam. Schwabe,  
(a German - & a fanatic  
Jacobinism & Prussian)  
the best heart & the worst  
head I know was made  
to get up a Subscription.  
I joined her, at her  
earnest request, in order  
to prevent mischief - but  
only on condition that all  
monies should be devoted  
to all sides -  
The thing was meant to be

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entirely private. But as  
no one of the ladies who  
gave their names gave  
the least assistance, & as  
money did not come in -  
Advertisements were put  
in for us - by a gentleman -  
We were not very successful.

1. English people like to  
feel enthusiastic pity for  
Aunt Sarah - or enthusiastic  
raptures for Garibaldi -  
But they don't like merely  
to do good (out of England.)

2. It was late in the year.  
People were hot & tired &  
rushing out of town -

Lenny Lind sang for us at  
a Concert. & got us some  
hundreds more.

As for the Committee  
it was more moonshine. I

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9  
I believe nothing in kind was collected. I know they did not sit once.

As to the precise good done, I believe it was more than if there had been a Committee. The money was put into the hands of responsible persons abroad, £50 & £100 at a time, who sent articles in kind in vans to the Hospitals near the Battle-fields.

These, in Germany, as you know, held more <sup>wounded</sup> Austrians than Prussians.

Many of these Hospitals asked for surgical instruments.

As I demonstrated, because, if there is anything governments should provide, it was to surgical instruments.

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But the want seemed real  
and English Instrument  
makers in London actually  
supplied us with <sup>some</sup> instruments  
for a present, & with more  
at cost-price.

This was about the only  
assistance in kind we  
received.

So little of a Committee was  
it that till Lenny & I  
gave the Concert, I think  
one fourth of the whole  
sum came out of Mr.  
Schwabe's & my pockets.

I do not write this to  
howl at my fellow-creatures,  
but simply because I  
made such a  
blunder as to tell  
you there was no Committee.

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7.

And therefore I feel bound  
to tell you the whole story  
in abridgement

Please burn.

The moral of the tale is the  
only part worth having: -  
And this is, that, having  
seen a good deal of the  
"deposits des castes" during  
the late war - I am more  
than ever convinced that  
Governments should be made  
responsible for their own  
sick & wounded -  
that they should not decline  
volunteer, private, benevolent  
effort -  
but that, exactly in the  
measure that this is  
incorporated in, not

35 South Street,  
New York.  
Wm. Johnson.

Substituted for - Government  
organizations (for sick &  
wounded -) Will it be  
useful. And exactly in  
the measure that it is  
not will it become an  
evil -

I hope you agree with me -

I am bound to say that I  
think the Russian organization  
wonderfully good -

Ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

You have enlightened me very  
much. For I now see that  
the heap of papers I have  
received addressed to me  
as "Secrétaire du <sup>Comité</sup>  
Comité des Dames" (from  
the International Society) referred  
to this Committee - Which is not.

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14 Feb. 1867

Private

9. Whatever I do with  
the (Geneva) International  
affair. I was told  
on high Russian  
authority that its  
object failed most  
signally at the disastrous  
Sadowa & after it -  
as compared with  
what was done by the  
Russian Govt & Army  
Surgeons & Staff for  
the Wounded & Hospital

Yr.

Baron

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35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir  
I have had so serious  
a Chest attack that, for 17  
days, I could scarcely lie  
down. And this must be  
my excuse for not  
answering sooner your  
last note.

I have asked about  
the "rank" of Surgeon Major.  
(also the case about which  
you wrote to me).

It was done, I understand,  
by Sir J. Gibson & Sir J.  
Russell. I fear all you  
have said about it is

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quite true. I have done  
what I can a second  
time in representing the  
matter. But I have  
not the least hope that  
anything wise will be done.

About the other thing: — the  
(Geneva) Société Internationale  
— unquestionably the best  
plan with us would be  
to render our Army Hospital  
Corps thoroughly efficient  
on its present basis &  
strength. No steps should  
be taken with the public

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in any country which should  
lead their War Office to think  
that its own work (the  
War Office's) will be done  
for it by any body else.  
After the Corps is thoroughly  
efficient - there would be  
little difficulty in devising  
a scheme for increasing it  
& admitting volunteers  
assistance. But the very  
first thing is, as you say,  
I make the best use of  
what we have - I make  
it into an efficient nucleus.  
No amount of adding to  
inefficiency will make  
inefficiency into efficiency.  
Yours sincerely  
Florence Nightingale

LP. 54/14

Burton

March 18/67

85 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
London. W.

My dear Sir

I have done all I can  
in the Surgeon-Major matter  
as far as I know, without  
the slightest success.

I am told that there is  
"nothing for it but to have  
a question asked about it  
in the House of Commons."

I would gladly arrange  
for this being done - but  
that I do not expect any  
good from it - The Secretary  
of State would certainly  
answer (which is true) that

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18 Mar. 1867.

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is was done with the  
concurrence (if not at  
the instigation) of the  
Director Genl. Now too,  
And Sir John Pakington, who  
knows nothing about his  
business, - will be too  
glad to have this answer  
sent.

But I saw no hope under  
Genl. Peel - otherwise I  
could easily have got the  
question asked.

I think it however right to  
tell you what has been

suggested to me - as you may  
wish, & easily find some  
M.P. to put a question  
in the House.

ever yours sincerely

F. W. M. P.

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J. Longmore  
Esq.

26 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

May 16/69

My dear Sir

I was extremely obliged to  
you for your kind note of  
May 14. written after your  
return from London from  
Berlin.

Perhaps I ought to  
mention here that I did  
not receive any "telegram"  
from "the gentlemen attending  
"the International Conference"  
which, you say, was  
"despatched" to me.

I have not as yet seen  
your treatise on the transport

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16 May 1869

of Sick & Wounded issued  
by the W. O. Now I  
shall read it with great  
interest when I do see  
it.

Within the last day or two, I  
have received the pamphlet  
of "Results" of the  
International Conference.  
I fear that the practical  
objections which struck  
us at the beginning will  
come up whenever this  
Convention is brought into

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active operation.

Now I will not anticipate  
will.

of "Review" of the  
have received the

4.

Order it.

May believe me

(tho' in haste)

and your faithful servt.

Harriet Nightingale

J. Longmore Esq  
x x x

LP. 54/16

36 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

Feb 10/70

My dear Sir

It is long since I have  
written to recall myself  
to your recollection.

A little book which  
Mr. Michel Lévy, of the  
Pal de Justice, has sent  
me (tho' I have no doubt  
you know it already)  
makes me wish to do so:-

"Manuel de l'Infirmier de l'École."  
Paris. (J. Dumaine)  
1866."

This little book contains the instructions for drawing so &c &c. & appears superior to what has been issued before.

We have a young lady of our own training now training at the Val de Grace - And she tells me that nothing can exceed the perfection of the training & discipline of Lafontaine under M. Lévy. I have heard

from other sources, (and I think too from yourself) that, during the last 2 or 3 years, notable progress has been made at the Val de Grace in this respect.

You have done so much for the Orderly Service that I thought I might venture to ask you whether you have M. Lévy's last little Manual in case you might like

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farther use of it. All  
I receive the improved  
form.

Pray believe me  
My dear Sir  
ever your faithful servt  
Florence Nightingale

2P. 54/17  
35 South Street,  
Park Lane,  
W.

March 5/70

1.  
My dear Sir

In answer to your note,  
I am afraid that I should  
hardly feel justified in  
giving my judgment - or  
indeed have time to go  
so thoroughly into Dr.  
Inghitt's M. S. Manual  
as to justify any judgment  
of my own.

It would be incurring  
a responsibility which  
I feel, overworked as I am,

Yrs. Longmore Esq  
to L.

5 Mar. 1870

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that I am ill able to  
fulfil. To you & him.  
But, if you & he would  
wish me to look over  
a Proof in type, I  
would gladly do this  
& make any suggestions  
which occur to me.

I am sincerely glad to  
hear that you have  
recovered from your eye  
attack, which I am

afraid was rather serious.

Could you kindly send  
me a copy of the Manual  
which I believe is given  
to each Orderly of the  
Army Hospital Corps? -  
It is not for the purpose  
of criticism, but rather  
of help to myself. And  
if it is to be superseded <sup>in any way</sup>  
by Dr. Moffitt's proposed  
Manual, I will not  
give it away nor make

4.

Do not suppose that, if these evils exist, I do not know that you do not feel them as much as I do. And they may be impossible to alter.

But I am sure that you will agree with me that a Training School, whether for men or women, is scarcely more than a farce, unless the head "Infirmiers", or Ward-masters, or head Nurses, or "Sisters", (who train), are permanent, more or less.

*Private*

LP. 54/18

35 South Street,  
Park Lane.

March 7/90

My dear Sir

It occurred to me, in relation to your last note, all the changes which are about to take place thro' the formation of the Army Service Corps, to ask you for information on the following points - the more so, as it is, I believe, the discipline of the "Infirmiers" Corps at the Val de Grace which is evoked by you & by me: -

Yours sincerely  
Lt. Col. Douglass

7 Mar. 1870

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3.

1. Can there be any real discipline or progress among the Orderlies at Netley unless there is a tolerably stationary well-trained staff of N.C. Officers & men there, thoroughly knowing the Hospital business & able to train others?
2. Even for the raw ones, is 3 months' training enough? - and is it not almost illusory, unless there are some Wardmasters

& old Orderlies who are scarcely ever changed?

3. Do not the trained men try to get away, even before their training is complete, whether to "writing" posts or to Regimental posts, because, owing to the amount of hard cleaning work at Netley which does not really forward their Hospital knowledge, they dislike Netley so much

May 26/83

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

LP. 54/19

My dear Sir

I was extremely obliged to you for your kind note & for so kindly lending me your valuable & interesting pamphlet on the differences between the French & English Hospitals in the Crimea.

I might indeed have made a strong point of that: for I knew the French Inspectors: General well: (one indeed called me his 'camarade'): & the large contributions which were gladly accepted from our own personal stores in the second winter showed Professor Longmore.

26 May 1883

LP. 54/19

THESETH HYON, OF  
W. V. 1111 1111

The wants of the unfortunate  
French sick.

I have not read the papers  
to which you refer, as  
contradicting them. I conclude  
they are in the last published  
? Vol. Tho' the Vol. was  
kindly sent me - from what  
I heard, all that was <sup>therein written</sup> said  
about the Nursing part,  
both in matter & manner,  
was so sovereignly disagreed  
& me that I did not  
open it.

26 May 1883

LP. 54/19

I was indeed grieved to hear  
of Dr. Ritten's serious illness.  
[I had not heard it before.]  
Lacked yesterday I was  
disappointed that it still  
continued.

Perhaps you would give  
him when he is able the  
kindest of messages from me.

Perhaps you would be  
so very kind as to let me  
know how he is going on -

Very yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I am afraid I may hardly hope  
that you could attend the reading  
of my Indian papers. Yet I  
do enclose a card. Y<sup>rs</sup>

IP. 54/20

✓ May 26/83

10, SOUTH STREET.  
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Sir

My dear Venture I ask  
you what would be the  
proper method of lending  
a "Life of Gordon" pamphlet  
to be distributed, if approved  
in your Hospital among  
the Invalids returned or  
returning from Egypt whose  
Comrades died to save him.

I had this pamphlet -  
which is after all the best  
life of Gordon in a small  
Compap - reprinted for our

2.

26 May 1885

troops. But I regret more than I can say that, owing to the dilatoriness of the printers, it is too late.

500 copies are gone to Egypt.

Would you if it is possible be so very kind as to arrange for the distribution of say 100 copies among the men of the London Expeditionary Force in Hospital at Netley, - saying, if you please, that they are from me?

3.

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And would you if not kindly tell me whether I may send them to you or to whom?

I know not to whom else to write at Netley - pray pardon me for troubling you.

I believe me

Ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale

Respectfully  
Joseph Longmore

L.P. 54/21

It is necessary to explain how it came to pass that, while 3 Professors of the Army Med. School at Netley had each a salary of £700 a year, the fourth Professor had only £600. It arose as follows:— at the time the R. Commission on the Sanitary State of the Army proposed an organization for the School, the only teacher attached to the then establishment at Chatham was the Curator of the Museum, who gave lessons in Pathology to the young Medical Officers before they were sent to Regiments. The R. Commission recommended the permanent appointment of 3 Professors.

2.  
 sides the Curator  
 and the late Lord  
 Herbert, after  
 consultation with  
 various persons,  
 recommended that  
 the salaries should be  
 fixed for each Professor  
 at £700 and for the  
 Curator at £600.

At this same time a  
 Commission appointed  
 by Lord Russell for  
 organizing the School  
 considered that it  
 would be advisable  
 to obtain the best  
 teachers of Pathology  
 who could be had.  
 And the appointment  
 was offered at their  
 suggestion to Dr. Aitken  
 at the salary  
 recommended by  
 Lord Herbert, which

and was sent to  
Seniors on that account  
by Lord Tarrance to  
organize into the classes  
of the military in the  
Mexican army.

3. Dr. Rutten accepted.  
But on proceeding with  
the arrangements it  
was very soon found  
that the teaching of  
Pathology, as Dr. Rutten  
intended to carry it out,  
for he was an eminent  
teacher & a pathologist  
at Scutari, before his  
appointment, was a  
very different matter  
from the Curator's  
lessons. That the  
Office was really an  
important Professorship,  
as indeed it has  
proved itself to be.  
Besides which, when  
the Government of the  
School came to be  
organized, it was found  
that, while three  
titular Professors would  
have been members  
of the Senate, the  
teacher of Pathology

will have had no  
voice in the government  
of the School or in  
the arrangement of  
his own lectures. For  
as Curator he would  
have been simply  
an Officer of the Senate.  
In his Lord Herbert  
in his Warrant  
constituting the School,  
intended a Professor  
of Pathology instead  
of the Curator for the  
Reason mentioned.  
And as it has happened  
that Dr. Rutken, a  
first-rate teacher &  
one of the Professors,  
had to go a year  
for doing a work  
equivalent, to say the  
least of it, to that  
of the other Professors  
who receive each  
£700 a year.

Army Med<sup>l</sup> School <sup>LP. 54/21</sup>  
History (in Miss Nightingale's  
handwriting) of the Prof<sup>r</sup> of  
Pathology receiving a less salary  
than the other Professors at  
the first starting of the School.

Other Professors on

the first starting of the

School

The above given report only  
to this particular paper.

3. (3) <sup>W.O.</sup> They begs the question: LP. 54/22  
& this is the most difficult of all things  
& answer:

if we are to return to the old rude practice  
that every man (or woman) is to 'pick up'  
& 'puzzle out' his (or her) own experience  
by his (or her) own blunders:  
it is doing away with all training:

Resider, the whole Medical profession  
of the Army, Navy & Indian Services is so  
different from Civil Medical practice.

Army medical Officers are to keep the  
men in health. not only to be called in in

35, South St.  
Park Lane W.  
March 31/76

My dear Sir

I am concerned beyond measure at  
what you are so good as to write to me:  
& am at the same time very thankful  
to you for writing it.

Depend upon me that I will do, am  
doing, what I can: but that is, alas!, so  
little now. And I am so overworked

[I will not mention your name] -

I agree with every word you say.

Would this be possible  
 there will if the school be continued be  
 a great influx of 10 years' men  
 (as you say: all Candidates by the new  
 arrangements are to enter on the 10  
 years' plan)

They will get £250 a year at once:  
 if, after passing their initial examinations  
 they are gazetted & sent for 4 months to  
 Netley, might they not pay for their  
 board?

[The School itself is a mere trifle].  
 in expence to the Country -  
 in return for such a good -

2. The 'Short Service' argument is most  
 extraordinary:

that is to say:

that Short Service = Netley training.  
 One would think the argument was just  
 the other way.

viz. that 4 months' training was too  
 little for a man who has to gain his  
 experience & do his work all in 10  
 years.

10 years' ex is scarcely too much to gain  
 their experience in to take care of the  
 Army.

Sickness:

Are I keep Camps, Barracks, daily life, food, equipment, all in health.

is this to be learnt at any "Civil Chair" -  
or <sup>at</sup> any "Station Hospital," where soon  
those the new-comers will have to learn  
of will know as little of the special  
Knowledge as their pupils?

The "Civil Chair" come to you for  
information.

And all this I have to keep in of  
the 'Short Service' men!!

(6) I believe this to be simply an  
Under Sec<sup>y</sup> of State's affair.

LP. 54/22  
31 Mar. 1876

But this, from the last 18 years' experience,  
increases, instead of diminishing, my fears.

Thank God, with you, that this  
did not come 3 weeks ago to  
disturb Dr. Parker's last hours.

Pray believe me.

Yours sincerely

Professor Longmore

Florence Nightingale

I have written to Dr. Sutherland  
(for fear Sir Wm Muir sh<sup>d</sup> not tell him).  
I wish Sir Wm Muir & Jenner were in England.

Private

I believe Mr. Hardy will be  
communicated with to-day -

L.P. 54/22

(4)

You, the Senate, will of course seek  
a personal interview with the S. of S.

May believe me  
yours anxiously but hopefully  
Florence Nightingale

Professor Longmore

(1)

35 South St.  
Park Lane W.  
April 3/76 ✓

My dear Sir

I assure you that I have never undervalued  
the Chair of Military Surgery: nor the  
priceless importance of the services of its  
present occupant: & if there can be an  
'especially' where all is so important: especially  
of his acting as a Consulting Gov<sup>t</sup> servant  
both with foreign countries & in his own:  
of his keeping us 'au courant' of foreign  
improvements: of his forming a Museum of  
Military Surgery.

(2)

3 Apr. 1876

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If you had seen the letter which I was  
invited to write, you could hardly have  
thought but that I went even beyond yourself  
in attaching value to these things: but not  
beyond the truth.

And, I assure you that no one who  
knows you could think that it was out  
of "personal interest" that you would  
raise this point.

(3)

I am much in hope that your  
(the Professor's) statement when it  
goes in will be read by the  
Prof. himself -

If he can but look into it himself,  
so that the thing shall be put in this  
way: 'refer to the Senate the arrangements  
necessary for the new Medical Department  
(10 year men) in its relation to the  
Medical School': the game is won.

LP. 24/22

(4) I have not time to arrange this <sup>note</sup> in a form that  
you could communicate to your Colleagues: [it is  
better that my name should not come up at all,  
as in Comm. with Mr. Hardy:] therefore this is  
strictly 'entre nous': but should you wish, if I have  
told you anything they do not know: & that you  
wish them to know: & tell it them quite generally.  
& it that rests with your kindness -

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely  
E. Nightingale

Could you kindly tell me where is to be bought  
"Manual of Instructions for N.C. Offrs & Men of the Army  
Recpt. Corps."

I return Mr. Eyre's letter with many thanks.

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Strictly  
Private

Burn

35<sup>th</sup> Souths Co.  
Park Lane W.  
April 26/76

Professor Longmore

My dear Sir

I feel as if I ought to keep you "au courant"  
of affairs as far as I know them: as you  
have been so good as to keep me:

1. Your "Statement", most able - & perfectly  
unanswerable - was sent in to the H.O. -  
but was not forwarded to Mr. Hardy.

He has been mislensed about it however:  
- will read it - when he returns to London - (to day).  
I will, I am sure, study it himself carefully  
& without prejudice.

(2) [The Copy was forwarded by Dr. Acland, <sup>after reading it</sup> to me: -] After reading it with the greatest interest & admiration, forwarded it back to Dr. Acland, that he might have it at hand for his long conversation with Mr. Hardy at Oxford: which went off very well]

2. I have proposed directly to Mr. Hardy (& with Dr. Acland's assent & with his advice as to who besides himself should serve) the 'Committee' - which you suggested - : to go to Kelley, to enquire into the teaching means of the School, to report to him on the best method of adapting

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26 Apr. 1876

(2) these is the new condition of things resulting from the new Army Budget Warrant.

Of course we shall not hear what Mr. Hardy will do about this till he has read himself your "Statement".

But I am sure he is going into the <sup>whole</sup> matter himself. X [I have applied to another proposed member of the proposed Com. who is willing to let me.]  
(who is at Oxford)

3. Lord Salisbury & Mr. Hard Grant have also been directly applied to: about the School.

I am too old & worn & <sup>habitually</sup> ~~generally~~ languid: but I assure you there seems good reason to hope that the School may be developed, as it deserves: instead of 'abolished'.