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# Dear Miss Nightingale



New light—from the personal post-bag of the Lady with the Lamp—on the reaction of ordinary Britons to the horrors of the Crimean War

AT the R.A.M.C. Depot, Crookham, Major-General R. E. Barnsley showed me a letter dated January 19, 1855, from Ramelton, Donegal, to the Superintendent of the Female Nursing Establishment of the English General Hospitals in Turkey. In a childish hand it began:

My Dear Miss Nightingale,  
I am anxious to know how you are getting on. I like you very much for going to nurse our brave soldiers, and my brother and sister, George and Lizzie, like you, too. Lizzie would have liked to have gone with you, but she thought she would not be of much use. I remain your affectionate, William Atkins.  
P.S.—I was eight years old last August.

The letter, with about 200 others from Florence Nightingale's Crimean War correspondence, came into the hands of the R.A.M.C. only four years ago, on indefinite loan from the Rev. James Compton, of Bracebridge. The donor's forebears, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bracebridge, accompanied the Lady With the Lamp to Scutari, where Mr. Bracebridge took upon himself the role of her "Military Secretary." It is a remarkable collection, which records the spontaneous reaction of ordinary people—young and old—at home to the reports of William Howard Russell, in *The Times*, of mismanagement, shortages and the appalling horrors of the hospitals in the Crimea and Turkey, and their anxiety to help Miss Nightingale—as best they could—in her task.

General Barnsley edited the letters for publication in *The Army Medical Services Magazine*, but he told me: "I think they deserve wider publication." I heartily agreed, and it is appropriate that they should appear in *The Evening News* to-day—the 100th anniversary of Miss Nightingale's arrival at Scutari. To read through 200 missives in spidery Victorian handwriting, often almost illegible and

often, again for economy's sake, with the latter part of a letter written crosswise over the first, was a formidable undertaking, and I am grateful to General Barnsley for having done this for me. In fact, what follows is chiefly an abstract of General Barnsley's edition.

HOWARD RUSSELL'S dispatches stimulated well-intentioned folk to form committees, as a result of which ships arrived at Galata loaded with every conceivable kind of store from bales of old linen to "wash-leather breastplates." Nor did their benefactions stop at inanimate objects. In at least one case a lady dispatched her

To-day Princess Margaret attends at Westminster Abbey a service to commemorate the centenary of Florence Nightingale's arrival in Scutari.

own much-beloved general practitioner to join the party! It is curious to note how readily, even in those days, the donors fell into the Quartermaster's tawny-turvy system of nomenclatures: "Shirts, flannel," "bottles, ink," and in one inventory, "One copy Psalms, David."

One of the most comprehensive lists includes 15 Hunter's puddings (whatever they may have been), one tinned fork, six bottles of raspberry vinegar, and 12 copies of Old Moore's Almanack. One correspondent, in sending copies of *The Times*, explained that they were not complete as they had been carefully scrutinised to make sure that they contained nothing unsuitable for the soldiers to read!

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the prototype of the Balacava, which for so many years has formed part of the equipment of the British soldier, the name of the sender deserves to be handed down to posterity. It is Sophia H. Taylor, of Shalford House, Guildford.

One of the most practical contributions was from an old lady who took refuge in modest anonymity and leaves us to make a shrewd guess as to the nature of her gift.

"Madam, You will receive . . . two Bibles containing rather an unusual present, but one I as an old lady think may be found very useful and indeed contribute greatly to the comfort of those invalids. Should you approve of the article more can be procured from Phillips late Wedgewood, China Warehouse, Oxford-street. . . . Price retail 1s. 6d. each."

Unfortunately the gifts did not always go to the places where they were most urgently required, or to the most needy. On a half-sheet of notepaper headed "Extract of a letter from P. N. from Balacava" is this observation:

"The Extravagance of Mrs. B and her (illegible) Minions is what you could never believe—not anyone."

"Twenty-one Eggs and ham for breakfast daily for 12 women; 27lb. of meat, 12lb. of potatoes for dinner daily . . . 8 bottles Brandy in 24 hours besides Port Wine . . . these Irish (illegible) beat me!"

The welter of therapeutic advice that descended upon Miss Nightingale must have driven her, and her staff, to distraction, yet every letter is meticulously endorsed "Answered."

"Good Miss Nightingale," wrote Admiral L. Fynn, from Upper Harley-street. "In several ships I have commanded I took Bullocks Feet in large quantities to sea and when my men were reduced . . . we made a fine nutritious Soup adding Rice, Barley, Onions and Herbs. . . . I rather think Bullocks Feet are not used in the Army and Navy. In hopes that this hint may be of use."

It would be very easy to be facetious at the expense of the kindly souls who interspersed their gifts with copies of Dr. Watts's hymns, brightly coloured texts and the Psalms of David, but who shall say that to-day we are not the losers in having forgotten so much of the simple faith of those days? M. G.

## "FROM MISS NIGHTINGALE'S MAIL BAG"

SOME months ago we received a letter from the Rev. James Compton-Bracebridge, the rector of Morley in Derbyshire, in which he said that he thought the Army Medical Services might be interested in some of Florence Nightingale's Crimean correspondence which had been found in his old home at Atherstone Hall in Warwickshire. It will be remembered that some of Mr. Compton-Bracebridge's forebears, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bracebridge, had accompanied Miss Nightingale to the Crimea.

We feel that our Magazine has been accorded a signal honour in being entrusted with the task of publishing this correspondence for the first time, and our readers will join us in thanking Mr. Bracebridge, who has been good enough to hand the letters to the Royal Army Medical Corps on indefinite loan.

THE correspondence consists of some 200 letters and one is overcome with a sense of hopeless frustration in trying to convey the picture of life in the 1850's which is conjured up by reading through the letters in their original form. In those leisurely days most parcels were accompanied by long letters in a curious, spiky, and very illegible hand on flimsy notepaper often bearing, as was the Victorian custom, a half-inch black border. The work of deciphering was not made easier by the exasperating practice of economising notepaper by writing the final sentences cross-wise over the first page. Every now and then, however, it is a relief to come across short and business-like notes. An admiral, for example, writes from Upper Harley Street to inquire whether the powers that be are familiar with the nutritive properties of "Bullock's Feet," while this small boy's letter from Ireland was carefully preserved:

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"AUGHNAGADDY GLEBE.  
"Jan. 19, 55.

"MY DEAR MISS NIGHTINGALE,

"I am anxious to hear how you are getting on and whether you got the *London Illustrated* paper I sent you the other day. I like you very much for going to nurse our brave soldiers, and my brother and sister, George and Lizzie, like you too. Lizzie would have liked to have gone with you, but she thought she would not be of much use. I think my uncle, Cap. Atkins, will call to see you; he went with troops to the Crimea. The Russian sharpshooters fired at him and the Major of the 62nd, but they missed them.

"Will you write a few lines to me, if you please, and say how you are

"Direct to Master W. Atkins, Aughnagaddy Ramelton Donnegal, Ireland.

"I remain your affectionate,

"WILLIAM ATKINS.

"P.S.—I was 8 years old last August."

It was, of course, the letters of *The Times* war

correspondent, Dr. Howard Russell, which set the ball rolling. These stimulated well-intentioned folk all over the countryside to form committees, as a result of which ships arrived at Galata loaded to the Pimms with every conceivable kind of store on board from bales of old linen to such items as "two bottles ink" and "washleather breastplates." Nor did their benefactions stop at inanimate objects. In at least one case a lady dispatched her own much loved general practitioner at her own expense (and, presumably, without reference to A.M.D.1) to join the party.

Whatever their shortcomings may have been, we cannot withhold a certain sympathy from the overworked administrative staff of the hospital suddenly called upon to grapple with the situation with little encouragement from local official sources.

To quote the correspondence *in extenso* would occupy many numbers of the Magazine, and one can only attempt, by judicious selection and classification, to give some slight impression of the vivid picture of those unhappy days which a study of the original letters conjures up.

It would be very easy to be facetious at the expense of the kindly souls who interspersed their gifts of raspberry wine and woollen comforters with copies of Dr. Watts's hymns, brightly coloured texts and the Psalms of David, but who shall say that today we are not the losers in having jettisoned so much of the simple faith of those days? In a hundred years' time, too, our grandchildren may dismiss our present-day "cures" with the same contempt with which we dismiss the various nostrums so confidently propounded.

*Stores for Miss Nightingale*

It would be interesting to know how many tons, or hundreds of tons, of stores of all kinds resulted from *The Times*' appeal. Certain it is that a point was reached when Miss Nightingale had to cry "Hold, enough!"

see fly leaf





This bust of Florence Nightingale stands on the main staircase of the Royal Herbert Hospital. It is by Sir Richard Steel and was presented by Mrs. Vaughan-Nash.

Miss W., of Bayswater, though complaining in every letter that she writes "with great pain and difficulty," is one of the most prolific correspondents. In her letter of January 19th, 1855, she writes: "In consequence of your letter telling me not to send I shall wait till I learn that another hospital is ready at Smyrna or elsewhere." Her second instalment consisted of flannel, a large supply of stationery, ditto spirits, medicines, all kinds of woollen articles, wine, crockery, linen, blankets, soiled silk, strong broths, arrowroot, jams and jellies, slippers, cushions and a vast number of other things. The obliging Mr. Haigh, who supervised the dispatch of stores from various wharves and warehouses, thought that the stores dispatched by private individuals "would clothe and feed the whole force in the East." It is curious to

note, in passing, how readily even in those days the various donors fell into the Quartermaster's topsy-turvy system of nomenclature: "shirts, flannel," "bottles, ink" and so on; in one inventory there even appears an item, "One copy Psalms, David." "The noble conduct of the patients and others at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who are so delighted to help the sick and wounded without thought of reward," is specially remarked upon.

It is impossible to quote even a small proportion of the many inventories, but the following consignment is perhaps one of the most comprehensive: it includes 15 Hunter's puddings (whatever they may have been), 13 tin cans and a tin funnel, one tuning fork, 12 copies of Dr. Watts's hymns, 6 bottles of raspberry vinegar, 2 bottles of ink, 6 bottles of brandy, 12 copies of "Moore's Almanack" and a quantity of magazines and the London Times. One correspondent, in sending copies of *The Times*, explained that they were not complete as they had been carefully scrutinized to make sure that they contained nothing unsuitable for the soldiers to read. One trembles to think what her reactions would be could she see some of the more lurid Sunday papers so eagerly devoured by our hospital patients of today!

Some of the items mean little to us today. What, for instance, is a "comfortable" (seventeen of these appear on one list), or a "polka jacket" or, strangest of all, a "Queen's Head"? Here is the only clue. "I have enclosed 5s. worth of Queen's heads and we'd have sent more had I known whether they were available at Scutari or not. I shall esteem it a favour if you will write to acknowledge the receipt of what I now send, and will then either forward you a nice quantity of Queen's heads or whatever else may be most beneficial." Perhaps some of our readers can throw some light on the subject.

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One of the most useful and practical contributions comes from an old lady who takes refuge in modest anonymity and leaves us to make a shrewd guess as to the nature of her gift:

"MADAM,

"You will receive by the next Government Vessel two Boxes containing rather an unusual Present, but one I as an old Lady think may be found very useful and indeed contribute greatly to the comfort of those invalids confined entirely to their Bed. Should you approve of the Article more can be procured from Phillips late Wedgewood, China Warehouse, Oxford Street near the Pantheon, Price retail 1/6 each. I purchased all in stock, but more can be ordered. I wrote to suggest something of the same being made in a material that would not break. I addressed my proposition to the Matron of the Training establishment in Queen Sqr. but clearly as my suggestion is not from an Influential Individual it will not be adopted.

"Believe me Madam, one who sincerely admires your devotion to those who have been so cruelly neglected, England or England's Ministers have proved themselves unworthy or unequal to the Trust reposed in them.

29 Deer, '54."

Another consignment included twelve bottles of smelling salts. "The Smelling bottles are intended for those nurses who are not provided with them and the camphor to replenish them with."

Unfortunately these gifts did not always go to the places where they were most urgently required. It is perhaps surprising to find that in those days, long before universal education, perhaps the best written and expressed letter comes from a sergeant of the 90th Foot, who writes from the General Hospital, Abydos:

"MADAM,

"There are nearly 400 patients here who have been drafted periodically from Scutari as convalescents. These men are without either books or newspapers, have no money to buy stationery which they much require, and many have not a change of linen. This place is very lonely and, as in all other hospitals, the men cannot communicate with the world without. They are therefore altogether in the dark as to what is going on in the Crimea and in England, and if you will kindly cause a modicum of the papers sent from England by every mail to be redirected to this place you will confer a lasting obligation on us.

"Dr. Jameson, the Principal Medical Officer here, is extremely kind to us and does everything in his power to make life tolerable in this out-of-the-way place but unfortunately he cannot supply us with newspapers or stationery, or I am sure he would.

"With deep respect and gratitude I beg you will permit me to subscribe myself Madam,

"Your obliged and very humble servant,

"G. BURDEN,

"Sergt. 90th Foot.

"MISS NIGHTINGALE, SCUTARI."

But there were other factors which then, as now, caused stores to go astray. The following, written on a half-sheet of notepaper, is headed "Extract of a letter from F.N., from Balaclava."

"The Extravagance of Mrs. B—— and her (?) Minions is what you never could believe—not anyone.

21 Eggs and ham for breakfast daily for 12 women.

27 lbs. of meat, 12 lbs. of potatoes for dinner daily.

4 lbs. of tea, 15 lbs. of sugar per week.

8 bottles Brandy in 24 hours besides Port Wine.

"This I have supplied as I still draw the requisition. What becomes of it I know as little as you do but it does not go into the wards as I suspected at Scutari. . . . for all the extra chits were drawn, extra also at their own estimate excepting the brandy. How that could go among the patients, with very few bad cases and all receiving their diet roll allowance I cannot conceive, but these Irish — beat me . . ."

#### Some Administrative Headaches

When the occasion arose Miss Nightingale was wont to express herself in no uncertain terms, and it might be interesting to have heard her observations on "Suggestions, Lady Visitors and Female Attendants" which emanated from Onslow Square in London, December, 1854:

"Ladies going out under the sanction of government as 'Visitors' to the hospitals to undertake the direction and control of the Female Nurses, Servants or attendants and to this end let them form themselves into a Committee or Board of Management under the especial protection of the British Ambassador." Their suggested duties were: "Each lady in her capacity as 'Visitor' to take charge and control of two or more nurses and servants. Her province being to overlook them, and to report their conduct and efficiency once a week to the Committee and to impart to the Board any information which she may deem important or interesting." Whether the scheme materialized is not told, but the imagination boggles at the thought of the acrimonious confusion which would have arisen had these good ladies (who



were presumably untrained) attempted to perform the duties laid down in their charter. Here are a few of them: "Should a nurse or other attendant misbehave herself or neglect her duties the Committee will summon her before them, reprimand and admonish her, and, if need be, report her conduct to the Ambassador that she may be sent home." Or, again: "Lady Visitors will do all in their power to console and comfort the sick and wounded, and make it their business to see that they have had their food and medicines, and that they have not been neglected by the nurse or other attendants."

The following letter has a familiar ring about it and indicates that the vexed question of "status" was a burning issue even in those days:

"ADMIRALTY,  
"6th October, 1833.  
"OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORS OF  
TRANSPORT SERVICE AND  
PRISONERS OF WAR.

"Having received an application from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company to be paid for the victualling of the thirty-eight Nurses embarked on board the *Vectis* steamer at Marseilles for conveyance to Constantinople in May last as first cabin passengers, and the Commander of that vessel having stated that 'although received nominally as second class passengers, I am commanded by the Director of Transport Service to request that you will be good enough to inform them whether there was anything in the nature of the accommodation afforded to these Nurses that would justify them in according to this claim observing that your certificate clearly states they were victualled as second class Passengers.

"I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,  
"C. H. BRACEBRIDGE, Esq."

There is practically no official correspondence with "higher authority" in the collection. The sole example politely relegates her communication to the "Pending" tray in the following terms:

"SCUTARI,  
"January 13th, 1853.  
"MADAM,  
"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated Jan. 6th but from the multiplicity of business, I regret I have been unable to give attention to the matter contained in it, but beg to inform you I will give my serious and earliest attention to this important subject.

"I have the honour to be, Madam,  
"Your obedient humble servant,  
"J. H. PAULET, Colonel,  
"Commanding Troops.

"MISS NIGHTINGALE,  
"SCUTARI HOSPITAL."

#### Some Therapeutic Hints

It is, perhaps, natural that if a person takes the trouble to send particulars of his (or her) infallible treatment all across Europe (he or she) will be constrained to accompany it with minute details as to its preparation, composition and administration and almost interminable eulogies as to its miraculous powers. This welter of good advice must have driven the medical and nursing staff to distraction, for every letter is meticulously endorsed "answered," and many of them demand reports on the results obtained. Among it all it is refreshing to come across Admiral Pym's short and business-like note:

"38 UPPER HARLEY STREET,  
"Jan. 1848.

"GOOD MISS NIGHTINGALE,

"In several ships I have commanded I took BULLOCKS' FEET in large quantities to sea and when my men were reduced by (?) medicine we made a fine nutritious Soup adding Rice, Barley, Onions and Herbs. My Doctors were astonished at the rapid way the men got strong and well.

"You have plenty of fine herbs in (?). I rather think BULLOCKS' FEET are not used in the Army and Navy. In hopes that this hint may be of use,

"I am, Madam,  
"Your most obdt.  
"L. PYM, Admiral."

Mr. Lovegrove, of Horsham, belongs to the opposite school. He fills four closely written pages inveighing against the inefficiency of treatment hitherto adopted in combating the direful disease of cholera and diarrhoea, and adds: "It is with all sincerity of heart that I assert that I am in a position from 25 years' experience to cure nine cases out of ten of cholera and diarrhoea if the remedy I have forwarded to Scutari is allowed to be faithfully administered indiscriminately in every case." He does not reveal the composition of this wonder drug, and has no desire to "interfere with my medical brethren," but he forwards £50 worth of his Cholera Specific, and only asks in

return that he may be provided with a detailed report of every case to whom it is given.

The homeopaths also joined in the chorus. Miss Handcock, of Co. Dublin, writes to the Hon. Mrs. Sydney Herbert: "The great interest you take in our suffering soldiers in hospital at Scutari emboldens me to suggest a safe and certain remedy (when homeopathically prepared and used) for that fearful epidemic of dysentery, now carrying off hundreds.

"Under the direction of my homeopathic Physician I used Mercurius Sublimatus with all these poor people afflicted by dysentery in my neighbourhood when it raged through Ireland after the potato blight and famine and in no instance did it fail of curing the disease, even when pronounced incurable by our allopathic doctor."

It would be wearisome to quote at length from these letters, but a few of the prescriptions recommended may be of interest:

"Cure for Diarrhoea or Dysentery.

"Lump sugar pounded very fine with the best olive oil to the consistency of a thick paste. A teaspoonful to be given three times a day."

"Recipe for Cholera of proved service.

"One oz. each of best ginger, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Cayenne pepper. Infuse in 1 quart of pure cognac brandy. Dose, 1 dessertspoonful in half a tumbler of hot water sweetened with four lumps of white sugar."

"Lord Ponsonby's Cure for Cholera.

"All you have to do is to place the patient in bed and not to overload him with clothes or plague him with any external applications, but leave him to the medicine, which is one-sixth part of camphor, dissolved in six parts of strong Spirits of Wine. Of this, immediately on being attacked, the patient is to take two drops on a little pounded sugar in a teaspoonful of cold or iced water; in five minutes after, two more drops; and so continue till the symptoms begin to yield."

"Cure for Dysentery or Diarrhoea.

"Blend well in a little cold water three large tablepoons of fine white flour. Add as much cold water as will fill a common wine bottle. One tablepoonful to be taken every hour, shaking the bottle well before taking. By persevering in giving this regularly every hour

worst cases were cured in general before the second bottle was taken."

"Excellent Cure for Dysentery and Diarrhoea

"Half a common teacupful of warmed new milk, pour it into an equal quantity of Cold Lime Water, making the mixture tepid for the patient then add 20 or 30 drops of Laudanum. This dose may be given from three to six times per day—Laudanum may be increased or decreased in quantity as case requires."

It is significant that at least 90 per cent. of the remedies are for intestinal disorders; there is little mention of wounds. Hospital gangrene and bedsores are dealt with by "Collins Powder" and water cushions made by Mr. Hooper (who, incidentally, was in partnership with the son of Elizabeth Fry) who sent a consignment at the order of Queen Victoria. Respiratory diseases receive no mention except for "a simple remedy for a cough by an eminent physician" consisting of vinegar and treacle.

Some of the letters, even after a lapse of a hundred years, seem almost too poignant to be dragged into the light of day. They consist of inquiries by distracted mothers, from labourers' cottages and from the stately homes of England. Many matrons of our military hospitals must have received similar letters during the last world war, and they show the same pathetic belief that Miss Nightingale must know the whereabouts of every soldier in the theatre of war.

The following letter is typical of many, and it reveals the fact that young officers of sixteen years of age were to be found in the trenches before Sebastopol:

"2 ROYAL TERRACE,  
"RAMSGATE, KENT.  
"DECEMBER 7th, 1854.

"MY DEAR MADAM,

"A Mother's great anxiety for a dear child now before Sebastopol will I feel sure be sufficient excuse for my addressing you. That God of His great mercy may bless and preserve him is my most earnest prayer, but should He will it otherwise, and though I feel perfectly convinced that all will receive equally your most devoted care and attention, still it seems a comfort to me to make his name known to you—George Percival Beamish—Ensign, or I believe when vacancies are filled up in his Regiment, Lieutenant, 63rd Regiment.

"My darling boy will not be 17 years old until the 8th of January and I need scarcely add what trouble and anxiety I am in about him.

"I wish indeed I could be assisting you and those so kindly associated with you in relieving the suffering of our brave soldiers, but when I tell you I am the mother of two deaf and dumb boys you will see that I must not entertain the thought."

"May God bless you and all committed to your care, and of your charity I would beg your special prayers for my dearly beloved boy. The prayers of the just availeth much."

"Believe me, dear Madam, with the greatest esteem,

"Yours very sincerely,

"E. D. BEAMISH."

#### "Females in Barracks."

It is interesting to note that the census of 1851 gave the numbers of females in barracks in England, Scotland and the islands of British seas as 9,100. In other words, "one female to every five males" was the proportion of "barrack inhabitants."

The presence of a large number of women and children in the Crimea will come as a surprise to many. A draft report by Mr. Bracebridge included in the correspondence throws a lurid light on conditions endured by "military families" of those days, many of whom accompanied their men on active service. The extent to which these unfortunate women impeded hospital work is shown in the following extracts:

"On the arrival of Miss Nightingale and her first party of nurses at Scutari on the 4th November, 1854 (the eve of the battle of Inkerman), it was found that many women were present in the hospital, widows and wives of soldiers. The latter in many cases became widows during the winter."

"They were exceedingly ill-lodged in the ruinous part of the barrack hospital, some few sergeants' wives being distributed in spare holes and corners, chiefly the small rooms in the tower. Besides this they were constantly harassed by being moved, as quarters were wanted for the sick, from one place to another that the workmen might begin repairs. Moreover, newcomers arrived daily till the end of December, when all the women left at Varna had arrived and most of these who had contrived to get into the Crimea."

"Some few had their husbands in the Depot on duty or serving as orderlies in the hospital, or they were among the sick and wounded. But the greater number stated that their husbands were on duty in Crimea and that, having come out with leave, they would not return

home whatever distress they might suffer. About the end of December no less than 22 babies were found in the hospital, all born since the army left England, and births constantly took place during the rest of the winter, spring and summer."

"It appears that the Colonel of each regiment has power to take any reasonable number of women and this discretion was exercised to very different extents, one regiment, lately quartered in Ireland, having actually more than twenty-two women at Scutari besides some lost in the Crimea; others had 8 or 10. These women, though 'allowed' have no defined position, they are permitted no baggage or bedding and, when once separated from their regiments, fall under no regulations; with the regiments they are allowed some old tents, but that is all. However, when nominally attached to the Depot at Scutari they inhabited what is supposed to be the married men's room of which the senior non-commissioned officer was in charge, but he had many avocations so that who was senior at any given time it was most difficult to discover."

"After a time the sick were allowed some hospital bedding and a medical officer was ordered to attend to them when required. They had scarcely any means of washing and how they managed to get a few utensils for cooking and eating no one knew, as each woman belonged to her regiment."

(To be continued)

#### "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

AS in previous years, the Empire Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey allotted sections for the three medical services. The R.A.M.C. section, although specially enlarged, could scarcely hold the hundreds of crosses planted. Those shown in our photograph



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#### "James Bridie"

"James Bridie" (Dr. O. H. Mavor), the well-known playwright and poet who died recently, was, in addition, a skilled physician and no mean artist. He had much war service in both wars in the R.A.M.C. and had a great many friends in the Corps. Colonel W. Dale writes: "Early in the last war O. H. Mavor—James Bridie of the Theatre—came to Netley posted to the H.S. Atlantis as Medical Specialist. Mavor was not very fully occupied with duties and spent much of his time sketching and writing. His futuristic sketches gradually adorned all our rooms. He loved discussion and nothing pleased him more than for us to sit round the fire in the evening when he would be deliberately and most entertainingly controversial. On Burns' Night eight Scots on the staff of Netley dined at a nearby hostelry. Each brought a haggis and each provided the necessary accompaniment which was very scarce in those days. I was privileged to be Mavor's guest. Mavor presided and continuously recited Burns while one of the others followed him with the book; rarely did he hesitate and rarely was he corrected. The first haggis was served about seven, the last about ten, and my memory of the end of the evening is a little hazy." Later in the war he was for a short time D.A.D.M.S. at Glasgow, and then P.S.M.B. in Scottish Command. He was a very old friend of Major-General Tomory's, who sends us the following lines "In Memoriam."

#### "OSBORNE HENRY MAVOR (JAMES BRIDIE)"

"I first met O. H. Mavor in a University O.T.C. Camp, but served with him and got to know him intimately during 1917-1919 in the 40th Field Ambulance in Mesopotamia, Persia and Baku."

"The world of Wit and Sensibility and Faerie has lost one of her great people in his death and we who knew him are a great deal poorer for his going. I had occasional reunions with him over the years and those reunions were always a great joy dominated as they were by his sense of humour, his story telling, and his great joy of life. He was a brilliant dramatist, a most interesting and amusing writer and also produced most excellent pen and ink sketches. He had a great knowledge of music, especially operatic music, with a tremendous memory and I can always see and hear him giving a spirited rendering of the Prologue to Pagliacci. He served in the Corps all through the First War and rendered excellent service again in the Second in the R.A.M.C.T.A."

"Another member of the 40th Field Ambulance, Dr. Alec Glen, one of Mavor's oldest friends in writing to me of his death says, 'In addition to his great gifts he was the most kindly and gentle man' and that in itself is a great tribute."

"Rest well, old comrade."

#### "FROM MISS NIGHTINGALE'S MAIL BAG"

—Concluded

OUR regular readers will remember that in our Winter number we ended our extracts from Miss Nightingale's Crimea correspondence with a draft report revealing the terrible conditions endured by the "Military Families" who accompanied their men in the campaign.

In this number we take up the story:

THE women who had been from September to November in camp had worn out most of their clothes and earned hardly anything, while they had acquired the wild recklessness of camp life, not inappropriately outwardly manifested by the absence of bonnets and shoes. They seemed to hold to one another in regiments as a sisterhood and were treated with undeviating kindness by the men. After many changes, all for the worse, they were collected into three or four small rooms in the basement storey of the hospital in which lodged the husbands of those who had any. These rooms were damp, partly unpaved and subject to stench from broken

drains. They were also more or less crowded, some attempts at separation were made by hanging up rags of cloths and sheets on lines which added to the gloom, the ventilation was small and the floor encumbered with boxes and bundles, as were the beds. Babies were at first born and nourished here, and here by the light of a rushlight the meals were eaten and the sick attended.

"At the end of January, after an outbreak of sickness in one of the rooms the Commandant was induced to take a house for these unfortunate women in Constantinople, a fund was organized for their benefit and they were able to earn 10 to

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Miss Nightingale in later life

12 shillings a week washing and making towels, etc., for the purveyor's department. At Christmas 1854, on the urgent persuasion of Dr. Blackwood, the Chaplain, a second house was requisitioned and things were brought under control, schools being provided for the children and the women were provided with shoes and bonnets, without which they were in a sense degraded in the face of the Turkish population."

The report closes with a reference to "the total want of decency and comfort in the situation of women in barracks in England in time of peace even at Aldershot in 1857."

A postscript to the report adds: "As to the camps in the Crimea 50 or 60 women were actually left by the army before Sebastopol and gathered for protection round Miss Nightingale's hut when their regiments had sailed."

Apparently though women in the regular course of things were permitted to follow their menfolk to war no sort of arrangements existed for their protection or repatriation after hostilities ceased. Miss Nightingale's exertions and the fear that she would refuse to come home herself without them induced the Quartermaster General to obtain passages for them on a British

ship. Surely the concluding words of the report are fully justified: "Let not the wife and children of the British soldier be forgotten . . . if their presence is still permitted we must provide for their comfort and protection in proportion to our advanced state of civilization."

#### Miscellaneous

Considerations of space prevents anything more than a general résumé of the mass of letters dealing with general subjects. From time to time religious intolerance shows its ugly head and a correspondent from Beckenham in 1854 writes: "Will you allow me to suggest that we trust Miss Nightingale and yourselves will be on the watch respecting any undue influence or attempts at proselytism on the part of Roman Catholic nurses with reference to Protestant soldiers."

Several correspondents burst into poetry which, perhaps, does more credit to their hearts than their inspiration:

"I drink to her, and may her angel face  
Still rise the rainbow on the flood of war  
I drink to her in whom I love to trace  
The features of King Edward's Eleanor  
Thus may her glorious halo never fail  
Upon the brow of Florence Nightingale."

In the general chorus of praise the occasional letter of complaint found its way which Miss Nightingale countered in no uncertain terms:

"SCUTARI,  
"JULY 27/1855."

"To the Editor of *The Times*."

"Sir,

"I am told (I regret to say that I have not time enough even to read *The Times*) that you consider the death of Mr. S. to be due partly to an improper atmosphere partly to neglect. I think you are wrong, certainly as to the latter point and I regret the mistake the more because I consider the Hospitals of the East under a great debt of gratitude to *The Times* (though *The Times* has not always generously administered that debt) and because I consider the neglect of a man who came out to succour these hospitals by the hospitals themselves an enduring stain of ingratitude. With regard to the facts on which I alone have a right to speak, I consider Mr. S. to have had every advantage but that of air. He had the attendance of two skilful physicians. He had one of my nurses to himself, an advantage we are seldom able to give, and when that nurse became ill from her attendance

upon him, though not compelled to leave her charge, my superintendent at the General Hospital joined her in his care, and, in her weekly report to me says poor Mr. S's death was most solemn. I never left him when I heard he was worse until I placed his cold remains in a state to be put in the coffin. Mr. Hayward was a brother and more than a brother to him (Mr. Hayward was the chaplain at Balaclava) and I performed offices which I never did for any man before.

"Mr. S. was much better nursed than he would have been at the Castle Hospital where it would have been impossible to have given him the same advantages.

"Could he have been moved to Scutari Mr. Bracebridge had a couple of rooms ready for him. Add to all this he was a man whose excitable and resolute temper made him particularly difficult to nurse or advise.

"I trust that his friends will cease to feel their loss embittered by the idea that it was caused by neglect.

"I beg to remain, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"F. NIGHTINGALE."

There are very few letters which date from the post-war period. The following fragment would seem to indicate that even her relations with Queen Victoria were not always unclouded.

"30 OLD BURLINGTON STREET,  
"LONDON W.  
"OCTOBER 23/58."

(Unaddressed.)

"You say you 'don't want to argue' and to me it is impossible. But there is one thing in your note of this morning perplexing me beyond anything.

"How can 'The Queen's conversation with you' at Stoneleigh be in any way referable to me? to me who am the greatest sufferer from the Queen's neglect. Whose life would, in fact, have been saved, had she spoken the one word—she could and ought to have spoken."

#### A Nation's Gratitude

In 1856 the "Nightingale Fund" was started. She herself was still in Scutari at the time and we bring our extracts to a close with the following letter written in answer to a suggestion that she should step into the limelight and make a triumphant return at the head of some impressive institution. It is a salutary letter to read in these days of "write ups" Press agents, "hand outs," banner headlines and all the paraphernalia of publicity:

"SCUTARI,  
"BARRACK HOSPITAL.  
"Jan. 31/56."

"MY DEAR MR. BRACEBRIDGE,

"In reply to your letter requesting me 'to give some sign' as to what I wish to have done with the money about to be raised under the name of the 'Nightingale Fund,' and as to what purpose it is to be devoted to, I can only say.

"1. The people of England say to me by this subscription 'We trust you—we wish you to do us a service.' No love and confidence can be shewn to a human being greater than this—and as such I accept it gratefully and hopefully. I hope I shall never decline any work which God and the people of England offer me.

"But 2. I have no plan at all. I am not new to these things—I am not without experience and no fear presents itself more thoughtfully (thoroughly) to my mind, no certainty of failure more complete than accompany the idea of beginning any thing of the nature proposed to me with a great demonstration, a vast preparation, a great man, perhaps, coming down to the Hospital to give the first 'cup of cold water.'

"People's expectations are highly wrought, they think some great thing will be accomplished in six months, altho' experience shews that it is essentially the labour of centuries . . . they will be disappointed to see no apparent great change at the end of a twelvemonth, will feel as 'flat' about it as they do on a wedding day at three o'clock after the wedding breakfast is over.

"But worse than this, the fellow-workers who would join me in a work which began with excitement, demonstration, public popularity, would be those whom vanity, frivolity, or the love of excitement, would bring. And these would, least of all, bring about the wonderful results which the public would be expecting—or rather the results would be very 'wonderful' the other way.

"These are not theories but experience.

"And, if I have a plan in me which is not battered out by the perpetual 'wear and tear' of mind and body which I am now undergoing, it would be simply this—

"To take the poorest and least organized Hospital in London and, settling myself down there, see what I could do—not touching the 'Fund' perhaps for years. Until experience had shown how best it might be made available, so (that) it shall not be wasted in grand experiments which lead to nothing.



"This is not detracting from the value and importance of the 'Fund' to the work—it will be invaluable as occasion arises.

"I have hardly time to write this letter—much less to give the experience which would prove its deductions to be true.

"But I would appeal only to two recent instances.

"1. My strength here lay in coming to Hospitals thoroughly disorganized or rather unorganized and in organizing these. Had I come to a ready-made Institution, I could have done hardly anything to alter it.

"2. The greater proportion of valuable fellow-workers here came out with the first party, notwithstanding the hurry of selection, when the work was obscure and laborious and laughed at, and the hardship considerable, nor, with a few priceless exceptions, with the subsequent parties, when the excitement and popularity were great, and love of glory, of gain, as curiosity all on the alert.

"I have no objection to what I thus say to in private being repeated on the 'housetops,' i. e. to those who have so kindly interested themselves in the 'Nightingale Fund' and sympathized in her work.

"The first fruits of a long series (as I expect) of the brick-and-mortar plans of needy or philanthropic adventurers who wish to get hold of the 'Nightingale Fund' have already come in upon me. But I hope our inexorable Common Sense will not be taken in.

"One more instance and I have done.

"Compare the gradual but complete success of Flhedner's (?) Institution at Kaiserswerth with that of the magnificent and pompous 'Berthania' at Berlin—whose excellent and single-minded foundress was appalled at the 'greatness thrust upon her' and which marred her work.

"I therefore must beg to decline making any plan whatever, even were I not overwhelmed at present not with plans but work.

"At the same time, would I could say (which I cannot) how much I feel the love and confidence of the people of England, in whose service as I have lived, so I shall die.

"I am, dear Mr. Bracebridge,

"Most truly yours,

(Signed) "FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

"C. H. BRACEBRIDGE, Esq."

## OBITUARY

PURDON.—It is with deep regret that we record the death on 1st December, 1950, of Major-General William Brooke Purdon, D.S.O., M.C., O.B.E. He came from a famous old Ulster family and was the son of Richard Purdon, great-grandson of Surgeon Henry Purdon of the Army Medical Service and grand-nephew of Assistant Surgeon William Purdon, sometime of the 64th Foot. He was born in Belfast on 28th November, 1881, and was educated at Queen's College (now Queen's University). He qualified in 1906 and was commissioned in the R.A.M.C. a year later.

He had a brilliant career in the Army. He served in France and Belgium during the whole of the First World War, receiving the D.S.O. and the Military Cross for gallantry and being mentioned three times in despatches.

After the war he served on the staff of Madras District and was Assistant Director of Hygiene at the War Office from 1930 to 1934, in which year he was awarded the brevet rank of Colonel. In 1935 he became Professor of Hygiene at the



Major-General W. Brooke Purdon, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., K.H.S.

Dear Master Atkins,

I had your newspaper and am glad to hear your brother and sister think of the poor patient soldiers who never complain of wounds or of sickness and who only wish to get well, to go and fight again for their country like your uncle.

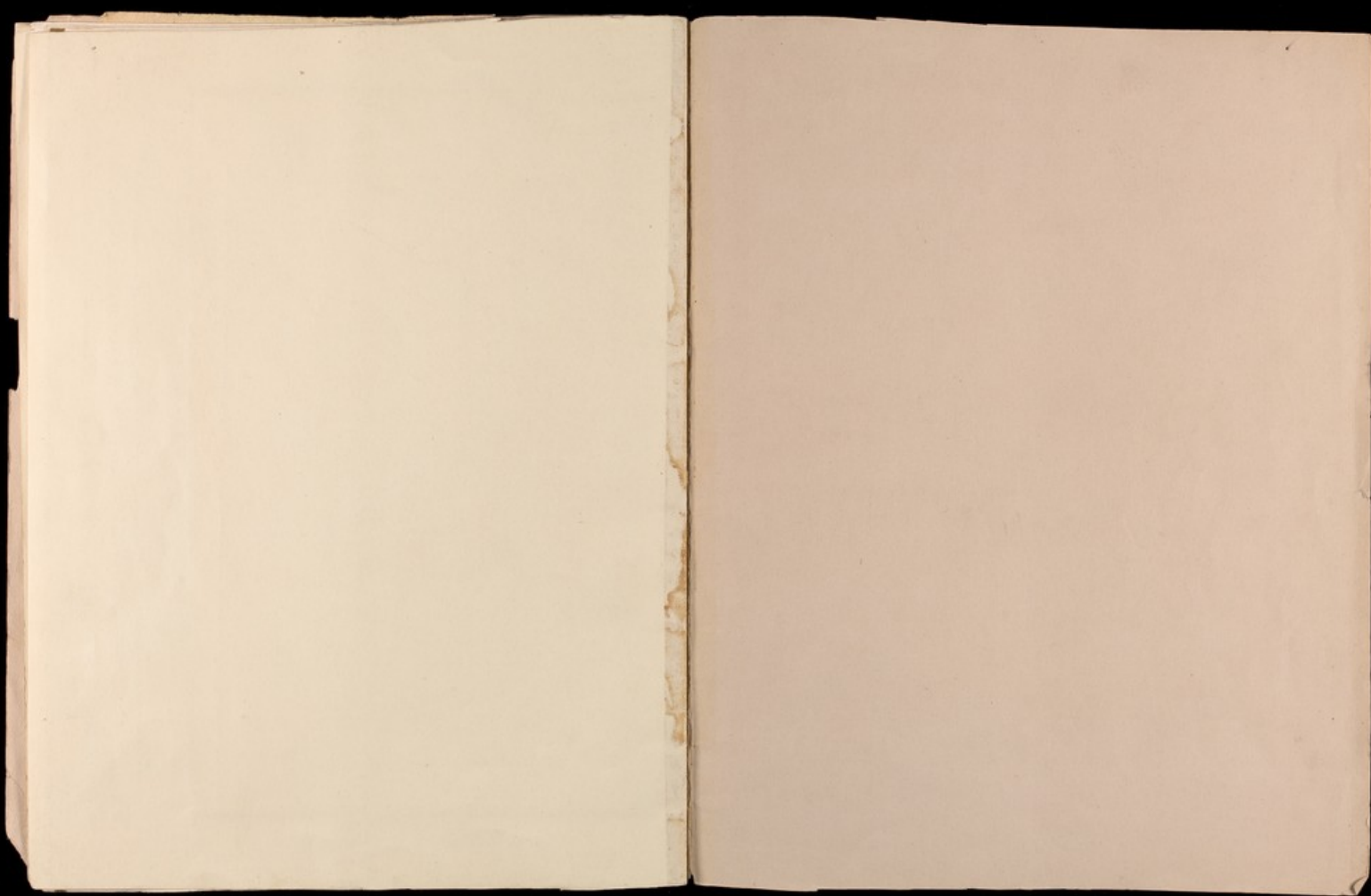
I hope you will be kind to them and their widows and children when you see them in peaceful country. I hope you pray for peace.

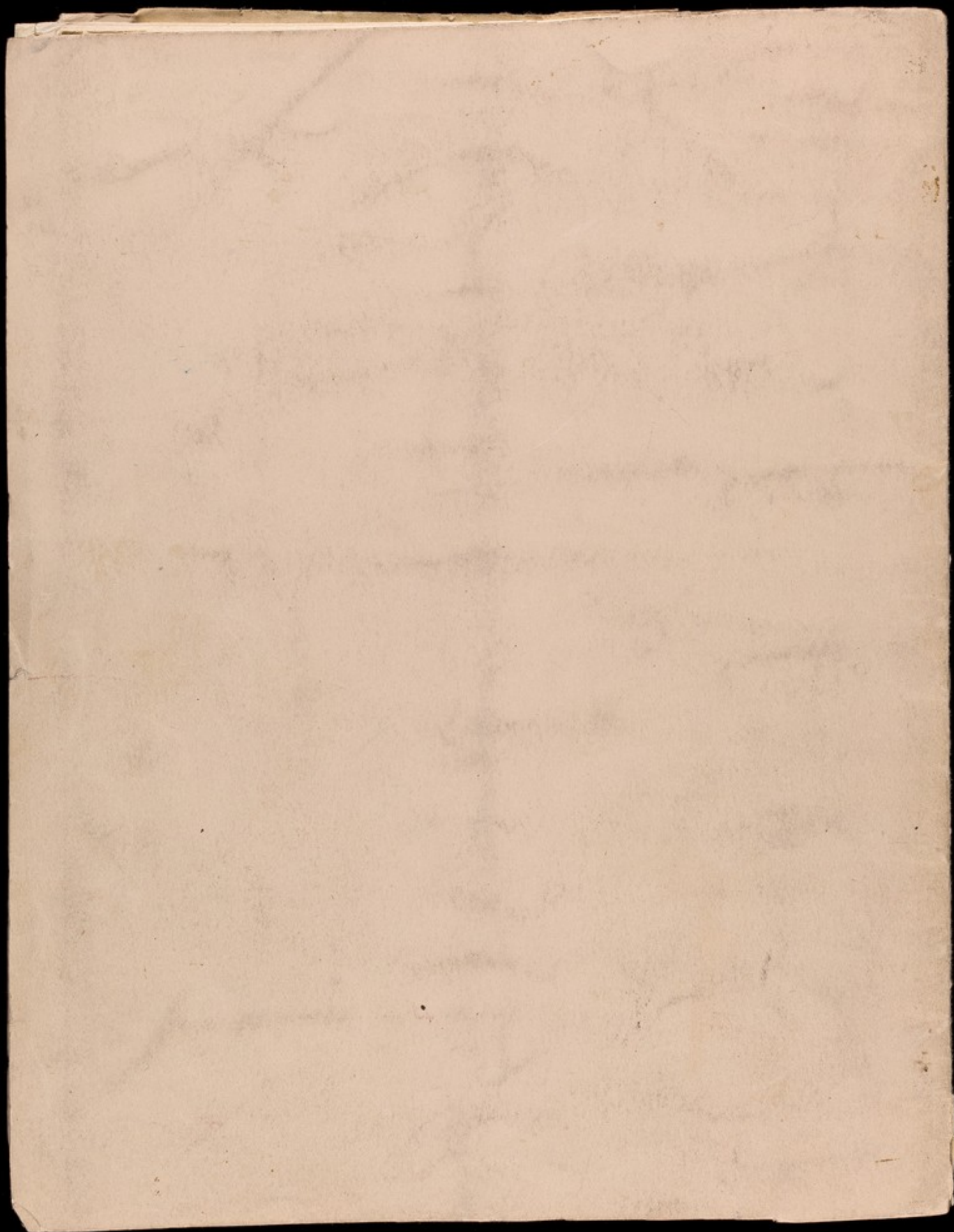
If you could see the feet of one poor front-bitten soldier, the flesh dropping from the bones and the rest black and broken to be cut and sawn off, you would prefer mercy and benevolence to honor and valor, and when you read of Greeks and Romans fighting here where we are, and the brave old Crusaders, believe that your English Irish and Scotch countrymen are just as brave and a great deal more kind, for some of them are like the Good Centurion and all know something of the Blessed Saviour and duties of Christianity and many like good books, and some like to pray, some are unconscious, worn out and weary, and stretch out their hands and say "Sister" - the last word - and then they move no more, and have no more pain.

Thank you for your letter, I hope you will live to be a brave man, and to fight like your uncle if necessary, but in the mean time pray to be a good and wise man and that there may be peace everywhere

Florence Nightingale

A letter from Florence Nightingale in reply to Master Atkins's letter shown on p. 3. It is dated "Glasgow Feb 9. 1855". It was presented to the R.A.M.C. Historical Museum by Miss G. M. Atkins of the Dial House Rickmansworth, a great-niece of Wm. Atkins.







JAMES BARRY AND FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

In an undated letter probably written shortly after Barry's death, Florence Nightingale wrote:

"I never had such a blackguard rating in my life - I, who have had more than any woman - than from Barry sitting on (her horse while I was crossing the hospital square, with only my cap on, in the sun. (He kept me standing in the midst of quite a crowd of soldiers, Commissariat servants, camp followers etc. etc, every one of whom behaved like a gentleman during the scolding I received while (she) behaved like a brute. After (she) was dead I was told she was a woman. I should say (she) was the most hardened creature I ever met"

Sd. F N

(From the collection of Sir Harry Verney, great nephew of Florence Nightingale)

Dear Miss Nightingale,

I wrote you a short time previous to my leaving Scutari and enclosed you my address, which I hope you received and I now take the first opportunity of writing to thank you for your kindness to me at a time when I so much required your sympathy and assistance. Where my dear Miss Nightingale it will ever be remembered. I am at present in lodging but I hope in the course of a few days to rent a cottage if I can one at a reasonable rate. I look forward with anxiety the result of your kind interference on my behalf with your friends at home if they kindly take my case under their consideration will they <sup>KNOW</sup> my address or should I write to any particular person and send it with kind regards to Mr & Mrs ~~MARSHFIELD~~ Bracebridge in which my family join believe me dear Miss Nightingale.

Yours very sincerely,

ISRAH MEADS.

22nd January 1855.

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The Memoir House  
Richmond, Surrey

Feby. 24<sup>th</sup> 1855

My dear Sir -

Truding my kind  
Mrs Broadhurst.

has an opportunity of forwarding  
after Miss Tozer. I trust  
your kind advice me to

enclose after word. &  
expresses of my sincere  
grateful thanks for

the kindnes attention you  
bestowed upon my poor son



Captain Leys - during his  
very, painful confinement  
in Sion Hospital -

My son arrived home in  
safety. Th' God's Mercy.  
His Surgeon, Ferguson fears  
his case will be very  
tedious. I trust to his  
spirit & constitution - alas!  
for our poor Sufferers.

Surrounding you - My heart,  
thoughts are with

them - I only wish  
I could be certain they had  
receded. The numerous  
comforts. I induced our  
ladies at home to send  
out to them - the "Queen  
of the South" - the "Gladstone".  
& one or two more  
cupsels. More well  
laden - with needful  
things for the poor fellows  
in hospital. Mostly  
consigned to Miss Brown.

With Grateful Thanks  
Share the honor  
to be, in  
your faithful list.  
Fanny Payer



excited

RAMC 27/11 H  
Tours. December 7-1854

Madam,

Your truly Christian & heroic  
conduct has in myself as well as many  
others those feelings of respect and  
admiration they justly merit. Would  
I were young & strong to enlist under  
your banner instead of a poor  
invalid of 66 years of age, long  
tottering on the brink of another  
(I trust a happier) World! But  
even the old & feeble if God  
blesses them a willing spirit  
may be useful. At such a time  
as this they may & should be  
self denying & throw all burdens  
to the winds. With strict economy  
the most straightened <sup>income</sup> of val-  
able



to do all we can desire we may  
do something to alleviate the  
sufferings of our fellow Creatures.  
That is now my wish, & the State  
of our brave Soldiers now abroad  
affects me deeply - Their Losses,  
Alas! how dearly purchased, how  
steeped in human blood. I am  
then desirous to contribute in the  
little measure my small income  
allows to their comfort by sending  
you 100 £ to distribute amongst  
the most distressed - It is but  
a trifling sum, but I am thankful  
the grace of God prompts me to  
give it willingly & cheerfully -

If you will then let me know  
your Bankers address in London  
no time shall be lost in transferring

one hundred Pounds to you  
to your account - May the Father  
of all mercies bless your christian  
exertions & grant you strength  
and perseverance in proportion  
to the difficulties you may have  
to encounter - I remain Madam

your sincere Well Wisher  
Augusta Kennedy

J. S.

I have a much loved Nephew now  
before St. Basil's Major Neville.  
His young son is a charming  
little Person in Constantinople  
under Lady Canning's protection.  
Sh'd you go there she wd I am  
sure much like to make your  
acquaintance - My address is

to a  
Madame Kennedy

Chez

Madame La Baronne Le Boulanger

N<sup>o</sup> 3. Rue Royale. Tours

La France

Not knowing your exact address I think  
it safer to direct to our Embassy -

Yours

Wm. Ly &





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My dear Miss Nightingale

Forgive me thus addressing  
you but I so truly sympathise  
with you in your philanthropic  
and noble exertions, that I  
cannot bear to write less cordially.  
All Europe speaks with the  
greatest praise of your doings  
and every English heart repeats  
it and most warmly thanks  
you, for your wonderful goodness  
and self-sacrifice your reward  
will be from our Heavenly  
Father; but you must feel  
deeply the comfort & consolation  
you have already shed on



our poor suffering brave  
Countrymen, as no small return  
for your heroism

December the 6<sup>th</sup> I sent off  
a packet of 293 lbs weight to  
"Messrs Cuthbert" to be forwarded  
to you it contained principally  
linen & sheeting and some  
wearing apparel which I  
thought you might be glad  
to distribute among the  
most destitute of the wounded  
soldiers. I made the collection  
in response to a paragraph  
in "The London Times" with  
your signature. He has in

a very retired neighbourhood  
therefore my scope has been  
but limited but I hope such  
as has been the result, will  
be useful with the sincerest  
praise & kind wishes of all  
your Countrywomen and  
myself & a family especially  
we trust your health & strength  
will be mercifully continued  
to you unimpeded & carry  
through the great work  
you have undertaken and  
the difficulties of your  
path be smoothed and  
cheered to enable you  
to fulfil your noblest designs



I should feel very much  
gratified if you would  
favour me with a letter  
and tell me if your mental  
& bodily strength support  
you to contend with the  
varied circumstances you  
meet & the challenges of life  
with earnest prayers for  
your preservation, as each  
of our brave Countrymen & Women  
have so particularly in this  
trying time so far removed  
from their homes & family.

Believe me  
Your admiring & sincere friend  
J. Collins



I  
 The Nightingale  
 The Ladies of Britain

Marco may boast his Philomel -  
 And Hafiz may the Babul praise -  
 On other Nightingale I dwell -

A British Nightingale may well  
 Inspire a British Minstrel's lays -

Sweet Jenny Lind, true Child of Song,  
 The Swedish Nightingale we style -  
 But sweeter Notes by far belong,  
 (Nor Jenny's Self will think me wrong -)  
 To that dear Nightingale, whose tongue  
 Can Warrior's sufferings beguile -

Yes - sweeter than the Philomel -  
 Sweeter than Swedish Nightingale -  
 Or Notes that e'er from Halcyon fell  
 On ear of Fairy, to foretell  
 A calm amid the stormy gale -



Sweeter than British Maiden's tone,  
To whom the Angel-task is given,  
To soothe the dying Warrior's groan,  
Teach him a Friend on Earth to own,  
And a far better Friend in Heaven -

God speed thee, 'Christian Heroine'!  
Upon thy Chivalrous holy Mission!  
Moved as thou art by Grace Divine  
Ease, rank, & fashion to resign,  
And in thy person to combine  
Nurse-tender, Almoner, Physician -  
Go, from the Balm of Sympathy,  
'Where pain & anguish bring the brow?'  
The Soldier's pallet oversee!  
Exert thy healing skill, & be  
'A ministering Angel thou!' -

While pouring forth this double Balm  
On wasted frame & aching heart,  
Seek to diffuse a holier calm  
Throughout the soul - Brist to the Lamb,  
That takes from Death his deadliest dart -

Teach him to fight the Fight of Faith;  
Should he his present tears outlive -  
Teach him, the Christian Soldier's death  
Is but a passport to the wreath,  
The Lord, the God of Hosts, shall give -

Thus shall thy healing Mission be  
A Mission to & from above -  
And Angels there shall welcome thee,  
Who stand on Earth their Ministry,  
To share in Heaven their bliss & love -

What British Lady can refuse  
'God Speed' to Nightingale & true?  
And at the wooing of the Muse,  
To mingle with her heart's Adieu  
Her patriotic Tribute too?

Ah! Ladies! Haste - the Orphan's cry  
And Widow's wail, ev'n now we hear -  
Ev'n now the dying Warrior's sigh  
A prayer wafts to Him on high,  
Calls blessings down on those who cry  
The Orphan's & the Widow's tear -

And should my Doric Pipe prevail  
To draw forth some responsive Notes  
From British Dames - I'll gladly hail  
The day I sang "the Nightingale",  
Whose Halcyon voice upon the gale  
Is heard above Bellona's hundred South throats.

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J. G. D.



RAMC 271/1

Beaufort  
Killarney  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Honoured Madam

May I take the liberty  
of inclosing you a Copy of a few  
Stanzas which I have already  
addressed to you, & the Ladies of  
Ortair in the Public Papers -  
I hope you will do me the honour  
to accept them in a kindly spirit,  
as a tribute of the respect, which  
in common with the whole British  
Public I feel for the self-denying  
humanity & Christian Charity,  
which has prompted you to volunteer  
in this service - As a Parish  
Minister

of many years standing, & myself  
a Husband & a Parent, I must  
be supposed to feel a deep sympathy  
in <sup>the</sup> sufferings, bodily & spiritual, of  
our Soldiers & Sailors - & an earnest  
desire to contribute my aid, however  
humble, to the relief of their Widows  
& Orphans - I trust that you will  
give me credit for such feelings  
& motives, & that they will plead  
my best apology for the more  
than poetic license I take in  
thus addressing you -

With fervent prayers for <sup>an</sup>  
enlarged measure of success crowning  
your present humane exertions -

as also for your own true happiness  
here & hereafter

I have the honor to be  
Madam  
Your faithful Serv<sup>t</sup> in Christ  
John Dymally Day - Clerk

To Miss Nightingale



RAME 271/1

28. Bryanston Street  
Portman Square  
London Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 33.

Miss Nightingale

Amid your many duties and  
trying scenes of Christian charity pardon an invalid  
old Bachelor as one among the many who truly  
admires, thinks, dreams and prays for your welfare  
success and every blessing in your present arduous  
but highly exalted charitable position; in taking  
up your valuable attention for even one minute  
in enclosing a leaf from the last little London  
Journal, and in thinking it may afford you  
a shadow of a shade of satisfaction in knowing  
that, altho as you already know the highest  
reward for good and exalted deeds is not of  
this world, especially as the future so soon becomes  
the present, you are not only fulfilling your own  
mission in doing good, but have set a glorious  
example to others to do and do likewise, and  
that you have with you the good will, wishes,  
blessings and prayers of mankind universally.

With every deferential regard and Blessing

Yours, &c C. R.



RANC 271 / 1

Beaufort, ~~Killarney~~, Killarney.  
December 8th, 1854.

Honoured Madam,

May I take the <sup>LIBERTY</sup> ~~liberty~~ of enclosing you  
a copy of a few stanzas which I have already addressed to  
you and the Ladies of Britian in the public papers.

I hope you will do me the honour to, accept them  
in a kindly spirit as a tribute of the respect, which in common  
with the whole British Public I feel for the self denying humanatary,  
and Christian Charity which has prompted you to volanteer in this  
service. As a parish minister of many years standing, and myself  
a Husband and a Parent, I must be supposed to feel a deep  
sympathy in the sufferings, bodyly and spiritually of our Soldiers  
and Sailors and an earnest desire to contribute my aid, however  
humble, to the relief of their Widows and Orphans. I trust that  
you will give me credit for such feelings and motives, and they  
will plead my best apologies for the more than poetic licence  
I take in thus addressing you.

With fervent prayers for an enlarged measure of  
success crowning your present humane exertions as also for your  
own true happiness here and hereafter.

I have the honour to be,  
Madam

Your faithful servt in Christ,

JOHN FRIZGERALD DAY. CLK.

To Miss Nightingale.

To the Nightingale  
And Ladies of Britian.

Maro may boast his Philomel  
And Gafiz may the Bulbul praise  
~~Another Nix~~  
On other Nightingale I dwell  
A British may well  
Inspire a British Minist's lays

Sweet Jenny Länd, true Child of Song  
The Swedish Nightingale style  
But sweeter notes by far belong  
(Nor Jenny's self will think me wrong)  
To that dear Nightingale whose tongue  
Can warriors sufferings beguile

Yes, sweeter than the Philonel  
Sweeter than Swedish Nightingale  
Or notes that er' from Halcyln fell  
On ear of Fancy, to forstall  
A calm amid the stormy gale

Sweeter that British Maiden's hone  
To whom the Angel -task is given



RAMC 27111  
28 Bryanston Street,  
PORTMAN SQUARE,  
LONDON.

January 17th 55.

Miss Nightingale,

Amid your many duties and trying scenes of Christian Charity pardon an invalid old Bachelor as one among the many who truly admires, thinks, dreams, and prays for ~~you~~ wealfare, success and every blessing in your present arduous but highly exulting charitable position; in taking up your ~~v~~uable for even one minute in enclosing a leaf from the last little London Journal, and in thinking it may afford you a shadow of a shade of satisfaction in knowing that although as you allready know the highest reward for good and exalting deeds is not of this world especially as the future so soon becomes the present you are not only fulfilling your own mission in doing good but have set ~~an~~ glorious example to others to go and do likewise, and that you have with you the goodwill, ~~which is~~, wishes, blessings and prayers of man kind universially.

With evry every deferential regard and Blessing yours

C.R.

To sooth the dying Warrior's groan  
Teach him a Friend on earth to own  
And afar better Friend in Heaven

God speed thee Christian heroian  
Upon thy chivalous holy mission  
Moved as thou art by Grace Divine  
Ease rank, and fashion to reside  
And in thy person to combine  
Nurse-tender, Almoner Pyshician

Go, poure the Balm of smpathgy  
'Where pain and anguish wring the brow'  
The soldiers pallet overseas  
Exert thy healing skill and be  
'A minstering Angel Thou'

While pouring forth this double barn  
On wasted frame and aching heart  
Seek to defuse a holier calm  
Throughout the soul.  
Point to the Lamb  
That takes from death  
His deadlyiest dart.

Teach him to fight  
'The fight of Faith'  
Should he his present scars outlive  
Teach him the Christian Soldier's death  
Is but a passport to the wreath  
The Lord, the God of Hosts, shall give

Thus shall thy healing mission be  
A mission to and from above  
And Angels there shall welcome thee  
Who shared on earth their Ministry  
To share in Heaven their bliss and love.

What British Lady can refuse  
'God speed!' to Nightingale so true  
And at the wooing of the Meuse  
To mingle with here hearts Adieus  
Her patricotic tribute too

Wh! Ladies! haste - the orphans cry  
And widows wail e'en now we fear  
Ev'n the dying Warriors sigh  
A prayer wafts to him of high  
Calls blessings down on those who die  
The Orphans and the Widows tear

And should my Doric pipe prevail  
To draw forth some responsive notes  
From British Dames - I'll gladly hail  
The day I sang 'The Nightingale'  
Whose Halcyon voice upon the gale  
Is heard above Bellona's hundred iron throat



23 Bryanston Street,  
PORTMAN SQUARE,  
LONDON.

RMC 271/1

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With evry every deferential regard and Blessing yours

C.R.

Aughmagaddy Glebe,

Jan 19.55.

My dear Miss Nightingale,

I am anxious to hear how you are getting on and whether you got the London Illustrated paper I sent you the other day I like you very much for going to nurse our brave soldiers and my brother and sister George and Lizzie like you too. Lizzie would have liked to have gone with you but she thought she would not be of much use. I think my uncle Cap. Atkins will call to see you he went with troops to the Crimea. The Russian sharp shooters fired at him and the Major of the 62s but they missed them.

Will you write a few lines to me if you please and say how you are.

Direct to Master W. Atkins. Aughnagaddy Ramelton Donnegal,  
Ireland.

I remain your affectionate, William Atkins.

P.S. I was 8 years old last August.



Rome 27/11

Tours, December 7th 1854.

Madam,

Your truly Christian and heroic conduct has in ~~myself~~ excited in myself as well as many others those feelings of respect and admiration they justly ~~make~~<sup>merit</sup>. Would I were young and strong to enlist under your Banners instead of a poor invalid of 66 years of age, long tottering on the brink of another (I hope a happier) World! But even the old and feeble if God vouch-safes them a willing Spirit may be useful. At such a time as this they may and should be self denying and throw all luxuries to the Winds. With strict economy on the most straightened income if not able to do all we can desire we may do something to alleviate the sufferings of our fellow Creatures.

That is now my wish, and the state of our brave soldiers now abroad affects me deeply. Their ~~alas!~~ how dearly purchased, how steeped in human blood! I am then desirous to contribute in the little measure my small income allows to their comfort by sending you a £100 to distribute amongst the most distressed. It is but a trifling sum, but I am thankful the grace of God prompts me to give it willingly and cheerfully.

If you will then let me know your Bankers in London no time shall be lost in transferring £100 pounds to your account. May the Father of all mercies bless your Christian exertions and grant you strength and perseverance in proportion to the difficulties you may have to encounter. I remain Madam, Your sincere well wisher. Augusta Kennedy.

P.S. I have a much loved nephew now before St. Bustepole, Major Neville, his young wife (?) a charming little Person is in Constantinople under Lady Cumming's protection shd you go there she wd. I am sure much like to make your acquaintance my address is Madame Kennedy,  
Chez Madame La Baronne,  
Le Boulange, No 3 Rue Royale,  
TOURS, La France.

Not knowing your exact address I think it safer to direct to our Embassy.



My dear Miss Nightingale,

Forgive my thus addressing you but I so truly sympathise with you in your Philanthropic and noble exertions that I cannot bear to write less cordially.

All Europe speaks with the greatest praise of your doings and every English heart repeats it and most warmly thinks you for your wonderful goodness and self sacrifice. Your reward will be from our Heavenly Father; but you must feel deeply the comfort and consolation you have already shed on our poor suffering brave countrymen as no small return for your ~~heri~~ herioseum.

December 6th I sent off a packet of 233 lbs weight to Messrs 'Cuthbert' to be forwarded to you it contained principally linen and sheeting and some wearing apparell which I thought you might be glad to distribute among the most destitute of the wounded soldiers. I made the collection in response to a paragraph in the London Times with your signature. We live in a very retired neighbourhood therefore my scope has been but limited but I hope such as been the result will be useful with the sincerest praise and kind wishes of all your countrymen and myself and family especially. We trust your health and energy will mercifully continue to you unimpaired to carry through the great work you have undertaken and the difficulties of your path may be smooth and cheered to enable you to fulfill your noblest design I should feel very much gratified if you could favour me a letter and tell me if your mental and bodily strenght support you to contend with the various circumstances you meet and the changes of life.

With earnest prayers for your preservation as each of our brave countrymen and women have so partic ularly in this trying so far removed from their homes and country believe me your admiring and sincere friend.

S. Collings.



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Unay Cottage,  
Beaulieu U.K.

December 18th.

My dear Miss Nightingale,

I have been requested by The Revd. Mr. Fraser of Kirkhill who is going out to the Crimea as one of the Chaplains to the Forces to give him a letter of introduction to you. He is an old and most friend of my husband and a person most deservelly and highly respected in his county and much beloved by his parishioners, he was I believe chosen by The Free Church party as one of their representatives in the Mission they send out, his manners are pecukiarly pleasing and gentle he will I have no doubt be a great comfort to the poor wounded and sick you have under your kind care. I will not my dear Miss Nightingale take up your valuable time by a long letter, but you must permit me to express to you admiration your noble conduct has excited all over England and Scotland. I have been collecting money in our County in order to send out a Box of things likely to be necessary and useful to our Noble Soldiers in The Crimea and in our County Town where I was very generously treated I found my begging much better received when my patronisers found that I had the pleasure of knowing you I wish you could have heard the praises and blessings that accompanied your name or rather the mention of it. We have had very cold and severe weather for the time of year and the high winds that have often made us talk and think of you all in The Crimea. We have many who are much much interested in with you. It is many years since I have seen my dear Mrs Bracebridge if she still remembers me will you give her my kindest love and kind regards to Mr. Bracebridge. My dear little flock are all well I have nothing to tell you that can interest you here but pray accept my dear Miss Nightingale my best and warmest wishes and prayers for your wellfare and allow me to sign myself with the deepest and sincerest admiration.

Yours affly,

H.S. Stewart Mackensie.



Wrightson

December 31 1846

Miss Nightingale

I hope you will  
pardon the liberty I now  
take but send your  
name so often in the  
paper that you would  
pardon the liberty of me  
writing to you but  
having a letter from a  
brother on hand the queen  
of the South ~~and~~ on the

4 of December stating that  
he had been informed that  
a brother Thomas Hunter Schepers  
serving in the 95 Regiment of  
Foot no 3 company no 2511  
was wounded but succeeded  
of Cholera but no such name  
as been seen in being lost  
nor as it been sent to the  
War Office with it is a great  
trouble to my Father and  
all the family as we should  
like to know if he is dead  
in what way he met  
with it as it would relieve  
the mind of is unhappy

family and if Miss Wrighton  
would be so kind as to  
inquire of some of is comrades  
it knows as they write now  
is fate it would have  
been remembered as a  
the greatest kindness

of your Obedt<sup>t</sup>  
and humble servant

Sammy Schofield

5 Grafton Street  
Marine Road  
Brighton



December 12<sup>th</sup> 1854

Madam

I must first crave  
your forgiveness for the trou-  
-ble I am about to give you  
& I earnestly hope you will  
pardon me. I have a  
brother in the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal  
Dragoons as hospital ser-  
-jeant under the name  
of Henry Scott and after  
leaving England up  
to August 12<sup>th</sup> we heard  
regularly from him, &  
we have ascertained from



the War office that he  
was with his regiment  
when it left Varna for  
the Crimea - Since then  
we have not received any  
tidings of him and if  
you would interest yourself  
in enquiring after him  
I need scarcely add how  
grateful I should feel -  
any certain information  
respecting him would be  
such a boon to us. Pray  
be good enough to write  
a few lines to me if you

can hear of him and  
believe me dear Madam  
With the greatest respect  
& esteem

Yours faithfully,  
J Scholefield.

My address is

Mrs Scholefield

Keymerston Parsonage  
near Hingham  
Norfolk  
England.



3 Belgrave Sq.

Monkstown

Dec: 23<sup>d</sup>/54

Kingstown

Dear Madam

A considerable amount  
of warm under clothing is being  
prepared by ladies, <sup>myself & others</sup> here in Dublin  
for the use of the Hospital at  
Scutari; & as we are most  
anxious that our supplies sh<sup>d</sup>  
be well timed, & judiciously selected  
we shall feel truly obliged for  
any information as to the  
description of articles at  
present most needed for the  
sick in Hospital. I am hardly

have ventured to trespass upon  
your time had we not recently  
heard from the family of the  
Archdeacon of Winchester, that you  
considered the Hospital well supplied  
both in respect of warm clothing  
& linen & linen. if this is not at  
present the case I hope you  
will kindly let us know, so the  
impression left upon the minds  
of some that the goods are not now  
required, will materially lessen  
their expectations - any instructions

from you as to the selection of  
goods we shall feel kindly thankful  
for, & till we can hear from you  
we shall not forward any of our  
goods.

Trusting that the necessity for  
correct information will excuse  
my troubling you I remain Dear Madam

Yrs: faithfully

Mrs. Nightingale E. Lloyd

Some weeks since we despatched  
Bales of old linen & linen to the Hospital  
if they have come to hand perhaps  
you will kindly say so. They were sent  
from the "Industrial Society" here -



To Miss Nightingale,

Hospital Scutari, Turkey.

Tetbury, Gloucestershire,

Decr. 13<sup>th</sup> 1854. -

Dear Madam,

The Ladies of Tetbury and the neighbourhood have sent to you through Missiens Bathurst, five chests of Linen and warm clothing, for our poor wounded and convalescent countrymen, which they trust will prove acceptable; had it been linen only they would not have troubled you with this note.

The enclosed address will be a guide to those who may have charge of the chests when they arrive: - and should they come under your notice & you could merely cause two lines to be sent acknowledging the same you will confer a very great obligation, by directing it to Mrs. Goodwyn, Tetbury, Glor.

Hoping you may be blest with health to finish the good work you have undertaken

Believe me to remain

Yours truly,

Maria Goodwyn

43 W<sup>r</sup> York St<sup>o</sup>  
London  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 15. 1854

Mrs and Miss Bethel  
present their compliments  
to Miss Nightingale  
and think it more  
secure to let her know  
that they have sent  
a packet directed to  
"Miss Nightingale, Hospital  
Scutard" by the Steamer  
Karnak which was



expected to sail from  
Liverpool this week.

The parcel contains  
4 Doz Shetland woollen  
Waistcoats & 46 Hand  
do which they hope  
may be of use to a  
few of the invalids  
who are beginning  
to get out.

They are sorry to give  
Miss Lightingle any  
trouble being aware that  
her time must be fully  
occupied.

Woodville. Douglas. Isle of Man  
December 26. 1854.

My dear Madam,

I have sent by the  
last steamer a large  
parcel of articles of text  
of clothing &c. for the use  
of the wounded & sick  
Soldiers under your care.  
Many of them have been  
the contributions of friends  
resident in this place.  
equally anxious with  
myself to do anything  
however trifling to lighten  
their sufferings. I trust



they will reach you safely nor to be away - and your  
you will find in the parcel reward is sure at that  
a Card with my name blessed day when "the King"  
& address. I can only say will publicly acknowledge  
I wish they were a thousand those who have for His sake  
times more useful & valuable visited the sick & clothed  
than they are. I heartily the naked. I should indeed  
pray God to prosper your be glad if among your  
humble undertaking. & to numberless employments  
strengthen & preserve you you were able to write  
health which is so valuable me even one line to  
you are engaged in a tell me whether my parcel  
work & labour of love which reaches you safely -  
must in itself afford you God bless you.  
a pleasure & a peace the Yours faithfully & affectionately  
world can neither give

E. V. Robke.

Blend well in a little cold water three large table spoonfulls of fine white flour: Add as much cold water as will fill a common wine bottle: One table spoonfull to be taken every hour, shaking the bottle well

always before taking:

By persevering in giving this regularly every hour the worst cases were cured in general before the second bottle was taken —

Cure for dysentery or diarrhoea



Distressed Needlewomen's Home,

15, Carburton Street,

Fitzroy Square

January 10 1855.

Madam

I have the pleasure  
of informing you that  
by direction of the Com:  
mittee of this Institution  
I have forwarded to you

3 Parcels, -

One containing  
50 <sup>small</sup> Flannel Pillows, -

another containing

20 Shirts 6 Flannel do  
100 Flannel neckties

1 Parcel of Flannel Piece for the neck  
1 " of Old Linen

8 P<sup>rs</sup> of Drawers  
20 Flannel Belts  
2 P<sup>rs</sup> of Split Boots  
3 Table Cloths  
8 Pocket Handkerchiefs  
3 P<sup>rs</sup> of Lamb's Wool Stockings  
1 P<sup>r</sup> of Gloves  
26 Newspapers (The Post)

and the third containing  
60 Sheets  
12 P<sup>rs</sup> of Tricotters  
8 lbs of Sew  
12 P<sup>rs</sup> of Stockings  
8 Comforters  
1 P<sup>r</sup> of Drawers  
2 Quincey frocks

4 Nightcaps  
2 Pouches of old Linen  
1 Pouch of Boots.

And the Committee  
desire me to express  
to you the great pleasure  
they feel in being able  
to forward to you the  
same, & thus assist

you in your pious worthy  
double undertaking

Praying that every  
blessing may attend you



with Habu of love

Permit me to subscribe  
myself

Your very faithful

Chas. Geary

Secretary

Miss Hephzibah

Chalta Dec 26. 1854

Madam,

I have the pleasure of receiving from  
Charles Two Bales of lint fr. to your address, the  
Contributions of the English Residents there; and further  
thus acquainting you that on application to Rear Admiral  
Stewart of this Dockyard, he has ordered them a free  
passage by the first conveyance which they now await  
on board of the ship "Ceylon", and I trust soon to hear  
of their safe and speedy arrival — Happy to be of  
utility here in anything with which I may be favoured  
your commands, I have the honor to be respectfully

Madam

Yours very oblig. servant

Henry Marmet.

To  
Miss Nightingale  
Scutari,



Madam.

You will receive  
by the next Government  
Vessel two Boxes containing  
rather an unusual Present  
but one I as an old Lady  
think may be found very  
useful. indeed contribute  
greatly to the comfort of these  
Invalids who are confined  
entirely to their Bed. Should  
your approval of the Article  
more can be procured from  
Philips Late Wedgwood

China Warehouse  
Oxford St. near the  
Penthouse. Price  
reduced 1/6 each -  
I purchased all in  
stock, but more can  
be ordered - I write  
to suggest something of the  
same being made in  
a material that would  
not break - I addressed my  
proposition to the Motion

of the Society's statement  
for Names in June Sept.  
but democracy ~~as~~ my suggestion  
is not from an Individual  
Individual it will not  
be adopted - Believe me

Madam  
one who sincerely admires  
your devotion to those  
who have been so cruelly  
neglected, England or England's  
Minister have proved



Wanderer either  
unworthy or unequal  
to the Trust-reposed in them

29 Dec-1854

19 Jan<sup>ry</sup>  
1855

5 Craven Hill  
Bayswater  
London

My S<sup>r</sup> Madam

I was much pleased & in  
hearing from you by a letter received 3 or 4  
days ago written by Mr. Bracebridge for you.  
I am really obliged to him also, my thoughts  
are almost constantly with you all day &  
night - my indignation & distress are expressed  
description that such misery should occur,  
& so much of it for want of forethought  
& management - you S<sup>r</sup> Madam can only  
find some consolation from knowing you  
have done all a human being could do - May  
God grant you health & strength to support  
you in your arduous task - I only sent  
a little hint by Cutbush --- for I then at  
once began my Fend, headed, lint, Quinine  
& bandages - I have not advanced 100 £ yet, but  
have forwarded many hundred pounds worth  
of goods of every description & have a vast  
number more ready, but in consequence  
of your letter telling me not to send, I  
shall wait till I learn another Hospital  
is ready at Smyrna or elsewhere, as  
Mr. B. suggests



Mr. Haig has been indefatigable in  
the business & his work has been immense,  
almost as every one sending the most trifling  
articles without requiring 2 or 3 letters -  
your friends have sent some things <sup>with great</sup> but  
they have not given any trouble. Mrs. Eyre  
of Padbury Vicarage has sent 112 <sup>1/2</sup> p<sup>rs</sup> of Shirts &c. - Mr. Haig is  
now at different wharfs & warehouses to  
endeavour to ensure the cases all going  
directly, for the enormous quantity sent  
from this country - by individuals besides  
Government would clothe & feed the whole  
Forces in the East it is said - but they do  
not reach & we read of heart rending misery.

I think our first cases went by the  
Mary Ann

The second lot went by The Eagle  
The third lot 11 cases by The Cassius

All are directed to

Mrs Nightingale  
Hospital  
Scutari

Combs, brushes, Horse

The articles sent consist of Lint  
drainage, bandages - Rollers - pieces of  
flannel - a large supply of Stationary.  
Do. Shirts - Medicines, all kinds of  
woollen articles - wire - Crockery -  
linen - blankets - Books - Sitt  
strong broths - Arrow root -  
jams & jellies - Slippers - Cushions  
and a vast number of other things -  
Several hundred Shirts flannel &c. &c.  
A letter in 'The Times' this week from  
a nurse at Scutari states, "how much  
flannel in every way is wanted." Books  
Of course your account is correct -

Do not trouble yourself or any one  
to write more to me than 10 or 20  
is wanted at Scutari, Smyrna or  
wherever it may be - Cases safe by  
such a vessel. With heart felt good  
wishes for yourself & my brave Countrymen  
I am & Madam yrs very truly

Mary Anne Wolrige  
I write with great pain & difficulty -



29 Dec  
1854

5 Craven Hill  
Bayswater  
London

My 9<sup>th</sup> Madam

I hope the Cases I sent  
directed to you sometime ago reached  
safely they contained 124 Large flannel  
Shirts — between 3 & 400 rollers  
both flannel & Calico  
bandages for every description of wound

A large quantity of Lint  
oiled Silk  
Linen  
Books & Pamphlets  
Quinine & other  
Medicines

also 2 Pieces of flannel  
do Calico

And other articles

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>l</sup> with the kind  
assistance (again) of M<sup>r</sup> Haig



2 the kindness of Hon Mrs Stoney  
Herbert who desired Mr Haig to use  
her name to Messrs Hayter & Howell  
we dispatched by the Eagle

175 flannel Shirts  
100 Calico do  
Several Dozen Pocket handks  
400 rollers & bandages  
a large quantity of Lint  
Linen  
do. other Medicines  
do. Stationary  
do. Books  
Linen  
2 Dozen hair brushes  
4 do Combs  
Comforters, Mittens, Newspapers  
Arrow Root &c

I have felt very sorry to hear  
you were unwell. May God  
grant you renewed health &  
Spirits very soon. Madam with the  
coming New Year - and enable you  
to continue to be a blessing under  
Providence to hundreds of your suffering  
fellow creatures. I have no comfort  
except at the moment when actively  
employed in endeavoring to aid my dis-  
tressed, suffering Countryman - Day &  
Night my thoughts & kindest wishes are  
with you all. Mr Haig is well ac-  
quainted with Miss Flora McCleod whom  
I understand you know he saw her a few  
days ago. Do let some one write a  
line just saying "if the things sent  
have reached you. Soon you will receive  
a still more valuable and yet larger  
quantity - A lady has given us 2 chests of  
linen, 100 towels, 20 Blankets - A number of  
Sheet



2 Damask table linen &c being  
what is not suitable may be re-  
changed for whatever we think best.

I write with great difficulty but can-  
not forbear noticing the noble  
conduct of the Patients & others at  
St Bartholomew's H<sup>l</sup> they make  
all the flannel Shirts & will  
not accept any payment, but feel  
delighted to assist the sick & wounded.  
I pray for you all - & hope most  
earnestly the next acc<sup>t</sup> may be  
more favorable -

Yrs - dear Madam

Very faithfully

Mary Anne Wolrige



W.S.

Mr. South presents his compliments  
to Miss Nightingale, & writes to say  
that having heard from an Officer  
who was in the Hospital at Scutari,  
that Caskets of any kind would  
be acceptable, she has ventured  
to send some pillows (2 doz) -  
which she hopes will leave  
Liverpool on the 20<sup>th</sup> this month  
in W.M. Steam Ship *Temperance*.  
I should she find that no  
objection is made to sending  
so large a parcel she will  
take

An early opportunity of sending  
a few more - The quillows are  
only lightly stuffed for fear  
of making them too bulky, - in  
the parcel is some old linen  
which was to have been cut up  
before being packed but  
Mr. Smith thought that it  
might be useful to some poor  
Irish soldier he knew as it is -

Mr. Smith must apologize to  
Miss Wightenale for troubling her  
with this letter but having been  
advised to direct the parcel to  
Miss Wightenale she thinks it  
right to inform her that she  
has done so.

Richmond Park.  
Stichfield - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 54/



Litchfield Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

54  
E. Durour

Madam

I write to inform  
you that I have this day  
forwarded to Messrs. T & J  
Wither Postmaster New  
London (the Agents mentioned  
in the "Times" appointed to  
receive contributions for the  
sick & wounded at Antwerp)  
2 large packages which  
contain so many things  
that may add greatly to the  
comfort of our poor wounded  
soldiers that I have ventured  
to trespass on your valuable  
time to acquaint you of such  
having been forwarded.  
The packages are directed

To you; for sick & wounded  
Soldiers - Santari & with I  
trust reach their destination

I add a list of their contents

- 14 Bottles of Brandy
- 130 pairs of woollen slippers
- 70 Shirts
- 34<sup>th</sup> stockings
- 76 woollen caps
- 32<sup>nd</sup> sheets
- 13 vests
- 30<sup>th</sup> cuffs
- 20 table cloths
- 14<sup>th</sup> drawers
- cloth jackets 2
- 2 great coats
- 3<sup>rd</sup> gaiters
- 11 Willow cases
- 17 woollen comforters
- 24 Market handkerchiefs
- 2 Flannel gowns
- 1 woollen cover for feet

- 3 counterpanes
- 16 packets of old linen
- 5 ditto calico

The above have been  
contributed by some of the  
families <sup>of Lichfield</sup> & neighbourhood

With much sympathized  
esteem

I am Madam

Yours obediently  
E Durant

Mrs E L. Durant  
Lichfield



Mr. Wuford presents his Compliments  
to Miss Neftengale and begs to  
send her two packages brought  
by his friend Capt. Sullivan R.R.  
Mr. Wuford would be glad if  
Miss Neftengale could obligingly  
inform him if she has received  
any package from Miss  
Ablett of Portsmouth.

Mr. Wuford has sent copy of  
the War Office letter relative  
to the Nurses to the Purveyor

at Balaklava. in order that  
they may receive his best  
attention.

Barracks Soutai  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1855 }



Miss Nightingale

with 2 parents

Belmont

Scutari

RAME 271/1

Private Francis Liffen  
1<sup>st</sup> Company - 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
Coldstream Guards

No 4123



Mr. Downes, The Hill House  
Deerham

Believable Dear Sir,

Write let be  
stranger, though let be  
sister in Christ, and with  
a deep feeling of sympathy  
in the afflictions  
of those whom you are  
so nobly succouring I  
hope not to be considered  
an intruder -

In answer to your  
appeal for 'old linen'  
for the wounded I have



consigned a parcel of  
such as I could imme-  
diately gather to the care  
of Messrs. Cutcher, Nottingham  
Now as suggested in  
the "Times" - I should be  
obliged by its acknow-  
ledgment, or still more  
so if on receiving this  
note you will kindly  
inform me if the above  
be the best means of  
transport to Scotland,

as I have taken ~~at~~ the  
public measure of adver-  
tising in our country paper  
that I will receive all  
parcels of linen from  
this neighbourhood,  
undertaking the respon-  
sibility of forwarding  
them to you - And I  
hope to strengthen this  
appeal by being allowed  
the favour of calling  
myself your correspondent.  
And great will be my



satisfaction of by such  
slight exertion. I should  
not wish suffering down  
try men & give Christian  
& noble self devotion -

With regard to myself  
our family are well known  
to our two unfortunate  
Friends Capt. Brewster  
& Lieut. Boothby  
should they still be in  
Hospital - Lieut. & older  
sister deceased of which my  
nephew -



Egyptian Hall  
Piccadilly  
London  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 1854

Madam

Having heard that  
you were in sad want of  
books, for the sick & wounded,  
I have, through this paper,  
collected several chests -  
The lighter portion of these I have  
directed, to the  
Authorities of the  
British Hospital,  
Scutari

be more serious, to yourself & the  
Chaplain - & I will thank you  
to distribute them as you think  
best - Perhaps when they arrive you  
will favour me with a line -  
I am Madam

Yours & sincerely  
Arthur W. W. Smith



## LITERATURE FOR THE EAST.

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It having appeared from several letters sent home by the officers and soldiers of the army now in the Crimea, that any periodicals or books, more especially of the lighter class of literature, would be *most* acceptable, several gentlemen have subscribed a number of magazines and volumes to form the nucleus of a cargo to be forthwith despatched to the East. It is presumed that there are few families who will not cheerfully contribute those odd volumes which at present may be found lying about every house, perused and no longer valued here, but which would be gladly received by our gallant defenders.

All Contributions will be received and very carefully collected and packed, if forwarded to Mr. ARTHUR SMITH, Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly; and Mr. JAMES L. O'BEIRNE, Secretary to the General Screw Steam Company, has kindly undertaken to send on these parcels, free of any charge, to their destination.

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### *Extract from a Correspondent's Letter at Scutari.*

"A visit to the well-conducted hospital for seamen and marines at Therapia enables one to see the beneficial influence of books and newspapers in diverting the minds of invalids, and warding off those anxious thoughts about themselves which are so apt to retard the recuperative energy of the constitution." "I am sure that the want in this respect only requires to be known at home to be amply met by the voluntary contributions of publishers and the press. Newspapers, of course, will be especially acceptable, for they touch most closely upon the vital interests of the hour; and, absorbing as the war is to the nation at large, its fortunes are naturally watched with still greater intensity by those whose wounds and sufferings constitute them the chief actors in the bloody drama."

Miss<sup>es</sup> C. & S. Grace  
present their Compts<sup>s</sup>  
to Miss Nightingale  
and beg to forward  
her a box containing  
books for the entertain-  
ment of the poor sick  
& wounded at Scutari  
forwarded by some  
kind friends of Mr.  
Jas. C. Burns of Glasgow  
and Miss Grace would



feel obliged to Miss  
Nightingale if she  
could find time to  
write a line to let  
them know how the  
books have been read  
for the satisfaction of  
the donors.

British & Foreign  
Steam Navigation Co

Galata Dec. 1857.

Harolds Cross Dublin

23<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1854.

Dear Madam.

Presuming you may have heard that the elder Branch of the Norfolk "Taylor family" had been long here, and knowing you not only by your well earned reputation, but through our good cousins in Dip and London, I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in writing to acquaint you that in one of the Bales sent from the Ladies Industrial Society in Dublin by Ship Lloyd & Miss Bruce (I think to the care of Mr Chesney London) - I should have said in the first Bale sent to Scotland - I had a little Box placed, directed for you, and which I hope, will safely reach your hands, & if it does so, a letter inside will inform



you of every thing about it.  
and I have only to repeat that  
if the Cordial Drops - prepared  
from time immemorial in this  
old House, should prove useful  
I beg you will let me know, and  
more shall follow, & any thing  
else that I can command.

My Sister who also resides  
here, & 2 Granddaughters, beg  
you will accept their kindest  
regards & good wishes with my  
own - Though we never saw  
you, we all love you for your good  
deeds, & also for the love felt for you  
by our ever dear good Aunt Sarah  
of New Barchinham.

That it may please God to  
preserve your invaluable life, and  
permit you to return in peace, safety  
and exalted Honor, is the heartfelt  
prayer of,

Dear Madam,  
Yours with great Respect,

P. Meadows Taylor

Mrs. Florence Nightingale.  
Sutton.

7. Bottoms  
Brompton  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Madam

I have not the pleasure  
of your acquaintance, but I  
have the honor & satisfaction  
of being your countrywoman,  
& as much long to have the  
privilege of doing what  
little good I can to those  
of my my race countrymen  
who are doing & suffering so  
much for us in the East.

The enclosed circular  
will inform you what our  
District propose doing month-  
ly for the comfort of the sick  
& wounded, & we wish the  
packet to be confided to



your care, to distribute  
contents as you see fit.

What we would like  
you is, an occasional list  
of such things as would be  
most useful to you, that we  
may send them.

I know how fully occupied  
your time must be, so a  
brief list of things required,  
signed with your name,  
& directed to me, will be  
all that is necessary.

If you find it expedient  
& proper, to send messages  
from the poor men to their  
families, all I can say is,  
I will pledge myself to deliver  
them in person - or transmit  
them by letter to their families  
& will collect answers to be  
returned in the monthly

list.

I am dear Madam  
passing on your  
able time. I pray  
to bless you.

And am with every senti-  
ment of love & respect,  
y<sup>r</sup>s most truly  
Margaret. F. Hughes.

Believe me as soon as pos-  
sible, will help us on.

Chapel Merton  
Leeds 7 Dec 1854

Madam

A package of Linen  
marked V & weighing about 9  
stones has this day been forwarded  
from Ladies in this village to Messrs  
Cutbush & Son done for the  
Hospital at Scutari.

We do not expect nor wish  
you to acknowledge that it has  
been received by you, but it seems  
proper that you should be  
informed of the packages sent  
in order that you may have



some means of ascertaining that  
due care has been taken to  
transmit them from London.

That the blessing of God may  
attend the truly Christian labors  
of yourself & the benevolent ladies  
associated with you, and that you  
may have your reward & the now  
& hereafter in the prayer of

Madam

With much respect

Yours faithful & obed<sup>t</sup>

Thos Heyckart

Incumbent of

Chapel St. Menton

Leeds

Merriston Hall

Stroudham. Wants.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853

My dear Madame

Although I have not  
the pleasure of being personally  
acquainted with you, I trust  
that from the notice which has been  
made, you will forgive the liberty  
I am here taking in addressing  
you - as I do not think that  
I can more appropriately apply  
it any one else.

I have of late been collecting  
amongst my friends, books &  
manuscripts for the benefit of



the sick and wounded at Santarén,  
some I sent out by Port, but  
fearing that they would not be  
forwarded <sup>forwarded</sup> unless each token was paid,  
I altered the plan & have been  
sending them out as opportunity  
occurred by vessels leaving Port.  
= with within a few miles of  
which I am now residing - 2 <sup>ships</sup> ~~ships~~  
went out by the <sup>Royal</sup> Prince Albert -  
one will go down Port to the town  
on the day after by the "Cumberland"  
& another (perhaps 2 if I can  
pick up another lot in time) by  
the "Charity" - the course of the  
week - all these parcels will  
no doubt leave England but

the question is whether they will  
be delivered at the destination,  
& if so, whether they will be put  
to the purposes ~~expressed~~ intended -  
to ensure this object (supposing  
they arrive safely at Santarén)  
I have taken the great liberty of  
addressing them to your care & hope  
that I have not given offence in  
so doing - I shall ever say I am  
permitted to continue to do  
= but then! - or if this be objec-  
= tionable, would you kindly let  
me know to what care they ought  
to be sent? - though I must confess,  
I could feel greater confidence  
as to the being properly forwarded  
if sent out to the lady who has  
shown such devotion to the good  
cause.



might I suggest that after  
 they had been read at Seaboard,  
<sup>was</sup>  
 the <sup>the</sup> papers instead of being  
 destroyed, be forwarded on for  
 the perusal of the soldiers in  
 camp before Sebastopol, dur-  
 ing the winter they will have  
 to hike away many a weary  
 hour, during the period the hostilities  
 must necessarily be suspended from  
 the severity of the weather -

The favor of a short reply would  
greatly oblige Yours very faithfully  
J. Hopkins

Colonel

My Mother Lady Hapier & my wife  
are endeavoring to get supplies of warm  
woollen hose sent out to the Camp, for  
the use of the ~~sons~~ of the soldiers there, who  
by the time this reaches you, will I trust be tolerably  
well provided with sheep-skins for winter clothing -



Graciously by  
J. D. Lane  
of the Middlesex  
Co. Braintree,  
last winter.  
The 1st of Decr  
I have seen the  
book. I shall  
be glad to hear  
from you. I am  
Yours truly John  
D. Lane.

The interest I felt in  
your noble mission,  
I thought it unreasonable  
to add to your labors,  
by writing to you, for  
information, on the  
subject of it. but  
I am resolved to trouble  
you with his extracts  
I have taken from the  
'Times' & 'Advertiser'



Journal, received this Constantinople, I had  
morning, by which the pleasure of directly  
like judge how much to Mrs Bracebridge, wife  
possible it is for these ships fighting, Hospital  
in England, also 2<sup>d</sup> of Jan. 1855, large  
justly <sup>congratulate</sup> ~~attribute~~ to the troops, entire of scrip-  
retinol of their power: have promises  
Elations 2<sup>d</sup> alleviate comforting declaration  
comfort our sick & Ld. approve of, for her  
wounded soldiers & poor patients: it is  
knows how to act in not impossible that  
the best. On Decr 6<sup>th</sup> are still in London  
through one of the for our neighbor  
agents, authorized Haslop dispatched  
to send packages a parcel to his son  
free of charge to in the 1<sup>st</sup> Royals, the



beginning of Oct<sup>r</sup>, &  
He went before Christmas  
When he went to <sup>London</sup> to <sup>take</sup>  
to receive his wounded  
son, the parcel being  
there, by government  
authority he had deposited  
it, 10 weeks previously!!  
Send all the newspapers  
we have, which are inter-  
esting, & not calculated  
to do mischief, to the  
Hospital: stamped 2d.  
I heard such things  
are much wanted,  
but don't know, what  
to believe, or what to do,  
excepting to pray earnestly  
that it may be speedily  
speedily to terminate  
this awful state of things  
& to reward <sup>the</sup> noble <sup>man</sup> who



Claremont Parade

Southsea. Jan'y 28.

Portsmouth.

1853.

My dear Sir

Pray return my best  
thanks & Miss Hightings for  
her kind consideration in asking  
me to write, in reply to my  
letters to her about the things  
sent out to the sick & wounded  
under her care, and allow me  
also to thank you for your most  
interesting letter, - so interesting  
indeed that I ventured to  
have it inserted in the "Times" of  
the 22<sup>nd</sup>. inst - but of course without



Giving you home - The efforts  
of Miss Nightingale & of all those  
who accompanied her in her charitable  
mission to the East are duly appre-  
ciated at home, & blessings are  
from heaven invoked upon you all,  
in cordial response to those of the  
good fellows <sup>to</sup> whom <sup>to</sup> offerings you  
have been the means of affording  
much sollicitation & relief -

I expect to see Lady Hobbes  
(the mother of Lord Hobbes) today  
& it is no doubt with much  
pleasure of the benevolence of her  
son & daughter in law as mentioned  
by you in your communication to me.

Thinking that you have now  
abundance of books & newspapers  
at Scutari, & fearing that the  
sick & wounded in the Hospital  
at Balaklava may not be  
equally well cared for - as being  
further from home - I have placed  
sent on <sup>all</sup> the newspapers to the  
latter place - but if they still  
be acceptable at Scutari let  
me know & I will manage to  
forward supplies to both - There  
are now two vessels loading in the  
dockyard here (the Canadian &  
the Rajah) by which I am sending  
out several packages of books &

Woolwich, to Balaklava & also  
many bales of clothing for the troops,  
the proceeds of a private subscription  
which I set on foot, which has been  
attended with the greatest success as  
nearly £400 of contributions have been  
sent in, nearly all of collected in this  
immediate neighbourhood - though little  
from the town of Portsmouth itself - But  
in the country; - When till lately I have  
been residing (at Hornsea) I met from  
all classes the utmost readiness in answering  
my appeals - Cottagers, labourers, servants  
all came forward with their mite as  
readily as the gentry around - I only  
hope that the new arrangements which are  
said to be taking place at Balaklava  
will enable these contributions to be  
applied as it was intended & desired they  
should. Wishing you my dear Sir a continuance  
of health in the performance of your charitable  
though most arduous mission & the power  
to keep bright & all the estimable  
ladies engaged in the same undertaking, believe  
me to remain very truly Yours - E. Napier.



Richmond

February 26 - 55

Dear Sir

I have received your letter  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> and beg to thank  
you very sincerely for so  
obligingly telling me of the  
arrival of the Books granted  
me by the S. G. for the p<sup>n</sup> of X<sup>ian</sup> K<sup>ue</sup>  
for the Hospital at Santari. The

grant had been made in  
so liberal a spirit that I  
was very desirous of obtaining  
some acknowledgment of it  
but knowing how little time  
Miss Nightingale could have,  
even for reading letters, felt  
scrupulous of addressing her  
though, to ensure their delivery,

Mrs Sayer had directed  
them to her.

I do trust that ere this  
reaches you Miss Nightingale  
will be quite restored to  
health. How many & how  
fervent must have been  
the Prayers offered up for  
the recovery of that most



admirable person! and  
how sadly even the temporary  
loss of her invaluable super-  
intendence must have been  
felt!

I hope I may be permitted to  
add that I trust neither you  
or Mrs Broadbent's health has  
suffered from the exertions  
you have made to alleviate

2 The dreadful sufferings  
with which you are surrounded,  
it will indeed be a mercy  
if the better ventilation, milder  
weather & more of, diminishes  
the fever cases.

Again thanking you for your  
letter Robert our dear son

Yr very truly  
Henrietta Broadhurst

My dear Florence,

I write you these lines in  
case Father thinks my wishes  
may be expressed directly to you  
instead of through Mr. Sedgwick  
a paper which explains the object  
of my addressing you & I am  
pained to avail myself of the  
opportunity of doing so, were  
it only to say how much we  
think of you & would wish  
to help you. Hope you  
will receive sofly. The good



Let me have 35 or 40 more to  
dispose of & I have asked Nath  
to say that she thinks you  
wish to have added to  
what is already sent, as we  
can easily forward anything  
from Marseilles. That strength  
& Disinfectant may be constantly  
supplied to you to fulfill  
your mission, is the earnest  
prayer of your affectionate friend  
Susan Martin

Pan Dec. 22<sup>d</sup> 1854

The English Ladies residing at Pau  
having subscribed to furnish some  
articles of clothing and other comforts  
to the sick and wounded at Sauter  
have this day dispatched by way  
of Marseilles 2 bales & two cases  
of goods directed to Miss Maitland  
which they anxiously hope may  
arrive safely and be useful

Pan Dec. 22<sup>d</sup>  
1854

Goods sent

- 156 knitted woollen waistcoats
- 107 Cloth caps
- 100 Woollen night caps
- 100 do pairs of socks
- 100 do slippers
- 12 dozen pocket-handkerchiefs
- 200 bandages
- 100 shirts

Old linen

Paper pens wax & wafers

- 100 lb Chocolate
- 100 lb Gelatine
- 50 lb Tapioca



Andromelle Nightingale  
a Sculari'



13 Strada S. Pasquale  
Chiaia Naples.

13 Dec. 1854.

There has been  
much discussion  
here as to the  
value of the  
"Charlie" we  
have. I don't  
know. Some declare  
you are English  
Doctors will  
just like it.  
I had it  
in only the  
French  
Neapolitan  
also use such  
like suit -  
Please tell  
me truly the  
suit you like  
Is it true that  
you never use  
this thread sort -  
this regular stout suit.

My dear Florence  
Amongst the many  
friends who are rejoicing in  
the noble spirit which you ma-  
nifest, none are watching  
your proceedings (by dint of  
reading the Times) more  
anxiously than Dr. Strange  
& myself. We feel the  
deepest interest in your  
undertaking, & we fail not  
to remember you in our  
Prayers with the rest of  
your benevolent co-adjutors  
in the work of mercy at  
Scutari Hospital -

In consequence of the Times  
of 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. having warned  
us how greatly you stand  
in need of "Linen" & old linen



For our brave soldiers I copied  
out an article in that Paper,  
headed "Lent" & I sent it round  
to all the English residents &  
Visitors at Naples - saying that  
I shall gladly be the receiver  
of any contributions of old linen  
for them - Already much  
has been forwarded to me,  
& altho the sum total will be  
very trifling in comparison with  
your necessities yet, as "a  
whole is made up of parts"  
you must accept the small  
portion we do send with  
the accompanying good wishes  
of all the ladies at Naples  
who have heard your name -  
For they all are unanimous  
in applauding your undertaking -  
Several ladies are  
preparing "Lent" like the French  
"Charpie" as we have no  
instrument to make it of  
the smooth flat sort sold  
in England: but as you have

been accustomed in Germany  
to foreign Charpie I hope this  
thready sort will suit you  
An old Mrs Corby who keeps  
lodgings now here - has sent you  
a bundle of linen - because she  
was your dear sister Parthen's  
first nurse in babyhood at Naples  
The French Consul promises  
me to despatch my bale of linen  
by the French Boat which leaves  
Naples for Malta on 23. Dec.  
He will address it to be forwarded  
immediately to the French Embassy  
at Constantinople free of Expence.  
Therefore I trust you  
will receive it safe at Scutari about  
26<sup>th</sup> or 20. Dec. (weather per-  
mitting) - so will your Enquire  
about it if not forwarded to Scutari  
Mons. Flury is the Fr. Consul of  
Naples who sends it for you  
May I hope in return  
that you will, my dear Florence  
just write 2 or 3 lines to me  
that I may give the kind  
ladies who contribute the linen  
the satisfaction of knowing  
you have received it safely -  
Let me have the happiness  
of hearing too how you are  
in health & spirits -  
Mrs Lowther (who was Miss Whistler's  
now the wife)



of Mr. Lowther Secretary to the  
English Legation at Naples will  
be much interested to hear of you  
whom he remembers in London.

Have you made acquaintance  
with our exemplar, Friend Lady  
Napier at Constantinople?

This letter of mine is to leave  
Naples in the Embassy Bag  
to-morrow (13<sup>th</sup>) by perscription  
of Mr. Lowther & when you  
receive me if you direct  
under cover to Lord Napier  
at the Embassy Constantinople  
Mr. Strange, Naples, care of Mr. Lowther.

I shall receive it in due time by  
means of the Ambassador Bag.

The climate is sunny &  
mild here and today out of doors  
the Fahrenheit thermometer is 60°.  
However we have had much rain  
in the past month.

My accounts from Wilkes are good.  
Margaret Wigham is about this time  
going to London for her 4<sup>th</sup> baby.

Goodbye - & may God bless  
you my dear Florence -  
I give you a happy new year  
when it comes.

Believe me  
yours affly.

Mary Anne Strange

Naples

Dec. 13

To Miss Nightingale -



30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
1854

5 Craven Hill  
Bayswater  
London

My dear Madam.

I feel great satisfaction in  
addressing you, being one of those who are  
most delighted with the step you have  
taken in so materially assisting our gallant  
fellows in their time of need - Most gladly  
would I have accompanied & shared your La-  
bour, notwithstanding I am above 62 years  
of age, but for great weakness in my limbs  
which prevents my walking even in a room  
without help & causes writing to be a matter of very  
great difficulty. I have sent Lint by Messrs  
Cuthbert's packages, but feel certain enough  
is not yet done - therefore have employed a kind  
& skilful Surgeon Mr Haig of Chapel Street  
Belgrave Square who was for years in residence  
at St Bartholomew's Hospital to select all  
that is most requisite for wounds - in a few  
days I shall have the satisfaction of for-  
warding a Case directed to you containing  
Calico & flannel Shirts - bandages  
Lint - Gutta serena recommended  
instead of oil Seltz - Sponge peline  
Newspapers, books, &c. Be kind  
enough -  
Levinine



1 Blanket  
1 Counterpane.  
10 Shirts  
4 Pa cotton drawers  
5 Doz Pocket Hkfs  
14 Chamber Towels  
9 Pillow Cases  
12 Stewie Cases  
3 Pairs Mitts  
3 Pairs Gloves  
4 Cotton Belts  
6 Pamphlets.  
500 Envelopes  
12 Bottles Ink.  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  Ream letter paper  
12 Doz Steel pens.  
Sheets blotting paper.



Contents of Boxes

7 1/2 lbs Preserves

consisting of Strawberry  
Raspberry blk currant red  
currant jelly & jam & Apple.

40 lbs Soup (quite solid &  
highly seasoned).

6 Bottles Cherry Brandy.

14 lbs Raspberry and  
currant Acid.

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From Mrs Peck

Temple Cornbe

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1854

Admiralty, Somerset House  
London  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1854

Dear Madam

I would not have  
presumed to intrude myself  
upon your time or attention  
were it not for the fact  
that I believe you will  
forgive the intrusion  
when I assure you my  
only motive is to inform  
you I have sent from  
the Admiralty by permission



of my kind friend Sir  
Francis Beaufort. A  
Box and two packages  
of old linen and Books  
you will find them  
addressed thus -

Miss Nightingale  
British Hospital  
Skutari

Care of Captain Superintendent  
Austin - R. R. C. B. -

Wm Lockwood

Leptford

from the Admiralty

I hope they will be useful  
and that the Tracts and  
odd periodicals may not  
be altogether useless  
having sent out through  
other Channels before  
instance by the Prince  
which I fear is lost. I am  
led to think much has  
gone to the bottom of  
the sea trusting what  
I have this way forwarded  
to Leptford, may reach  
its destination. I will  
continue to collect so  
long as I am spared  
and

and the Lord exists  
I do solemnly bless you  
Madam preserve your  
health and which you  
minister & others may  
you be richly watered  
with the dew of the Spirit  
is the earnest desire of

Deor Madam  
Yours Faithfully,  
J Leveir Stepping



Monday Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Madam

Having among  
a few friends at  
Blandford Chapel  
made a collection  
of Bandages, old linen,  
and Tents for the use  
of our poor wounded  
Soldiers & Sailors at the  
Crimea, I hasten  
to forward them to  
The Messrs T & J Littlebell

Patronesses Now. Who  
have kindly volunteered  
to send such articles  
free of expense to you

Hoping they will  
arrive safely and  
that you will kindly  
acknowledge the receipt  
of them

I am,

Dear Madam

Very sincerely yours  
Maria Giuseppe

Miss Nightingale.

29. Upper Gloucester Place  
Port St. George  
London



Madam

Whilst collecting "old  
linen" for our Hospitals at  
Scutari. A Lady requested  
me to forward. The accompanying  
Parcel of Pamphlets for  
distribution amongst our  
poor fellows with whom  
I am so nobly connected  
I think I cannot shut  
them to anyone who will  
be likely to be thankful

for, or in to, them, being  
immediately distributed  
if you should be able  
at times to acknowledge  
the receipt of them. being  
anxious to hear of their  
arrival - I shall feel  
complemented.

I trust that the Almighty  
may bless your endeavors  
and crown our arms  
with victory - I am Dear Sir  
Yours truly

Octavius Hunsard.

103 Westtown Inn Lane London  
Dec: 1<sup>st</sup> 1854



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Pisa December  
Xmas Day - 54

My Dear Miss Nightingale

By the latest French  
Steamer which left Leghorn, I believe last  
Wednesday, I hope you received a letter from  
me, giving you an account of a consignment  
of goods and necessaries for the sick, sent  
by Mrs. Conton of Pisa, as a present to  
you (of whom she is an enthusiastic  
admirer) and intended to be applied to  
the wants of our poor wounded. Please as  
you think best. - Mrs. Conton begs I  
will tell you she is a Catholic and a  
Scotchwoman, and has for many years  
carried on business in a "Store" in Pisa.  
- She is an most excellent hearted and  
benevolent person, and if she could afford  
it would I think send you all the  
goods in her Shop. - She desires me  
to say that any thing wanting in the list

of goods, I mean what is mentioned in the  
list and does not arise by the first Parcel  
will be sent off by the next.

M<sup>rs</sup> Coulson moreover, hopes that you  
will let her know by one line that you  
have received the Boxes, and also re-  
-grets you will tell her what you  
want, and what is the most useful and  
she will try to do more. - Thus we all  
pray for you and dear Family, and that  
you may be protected and shielded in  
all your noble exertions by a merciful God  
but what harassing cares you must have to  
try your strength and nerves! -

As in my letter sent last Week, I told  
you of my being still in Paris, lonely and  
destitute. I will not dwell on self, but  
be sure the prayers of my Fatherland  
would have been offered up for you in  
this life on earth, and I feel the certainty  
he is praying now in heaven for us.

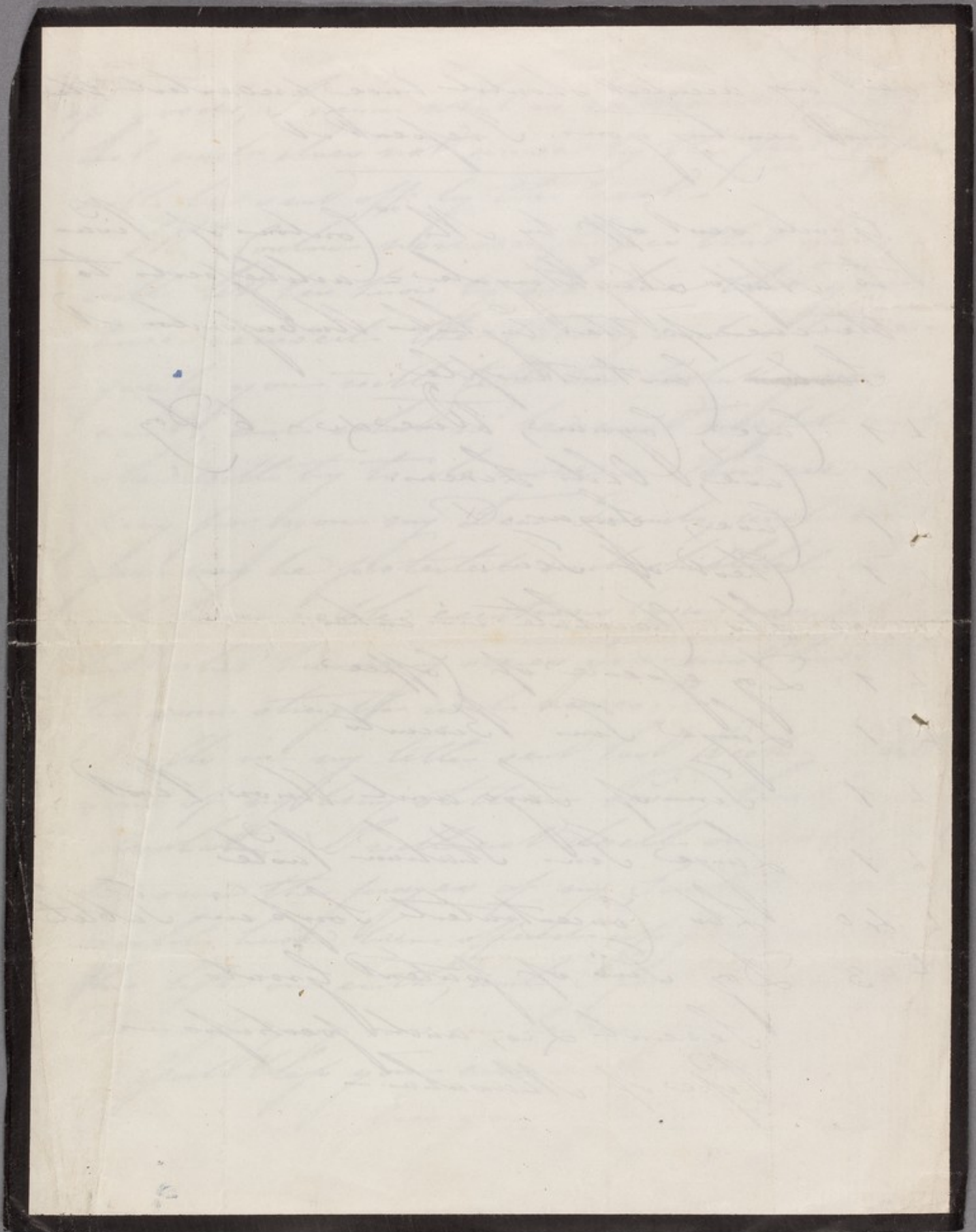
God bless you ever and Believe me  
Ever your affectionate Son  
E. C. Colyer.

Let my accident should have prevented the  
List reaching you. I repeat it

Goods sent off by M<sup>rs</sup> Coulson of Paris  
to Miss Nightingale - which sent to  
the care of the English Ambassador at  
Constantinople. -

- 1 Case Corn, Wine &c - 6 Doz
- 1 Case, White Linens.
- 1 Case, Sugar. x
- 1 Chest of Tea.
- 100 Lbs Chocolate in cakes.
- 1 Doz of each of Coffee
- 1 Large Tin Biscuits
- 1 Tin of Sago and Arrow Root
- 1 Large Tin Mashed Potatoes
- 40 Lbs Concentrated Soup in Tablets
- 3 Doz Tins of patent Grouts  
Essent Ls, and perhaps a  
Vise of Mashed -





Palazzo delle Vele

Pisa Dec. 19

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My Dear Miss Nightingale

In the midst of  
your untiring occupations, I do not mean selfishly  
to take up your time, so valuable to all. —

You know that your dear and sainted Friend  
— my beloved Husband is gone to the Home  
he longed for, and for which he was so well  
prepared. — My only wish is to rejoin him, he  
was my all on earth. — How he prayed for  
your becoming a Catholic! — And I fully believe  
his prayers will be answered. — Believe what  
I tell you. that in our Holy Religion where  
will you find the Truth and the Life. —

— Now let me tell you what admiration  
your noble combined mind efforts has excited  
even in ~~dear~~ study and amongst all classes  
who hear of it. — No wonder for you are in-  
deed a true Heroine. — From England I  
know you are now receiving succours of all kind  
but every thing helps and I must come to  
the reason of my troubling you with this letter

There is an excellent Woman living in Pisa



in Naples, by name M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Gordon, who  
has a large English Shop here, She is in  
Scottish Presbyterian, and a most excellent person,  
and is very kind about you. - She is now  
determined to sail in what she can, the  
poor suffering Soldiers in your Hospital, and  
finding that I knew you, has requested me  
to say that by the first French Boat that  
leaves Leghorn, she means to send her tribute  
for, the comfort of our Nurses, and the Boxes  
are to be directed for you, but to the care  
of the English Ambassador at Constantinople.  
I do not know if this is the right way of  
managing the affair, but all that is necessary  
is that they should reach their destination  
in safety. - How often I think of you and  
of all the poor Soldiers so cheerfully sacrificed  
in the last War. - God bless all. - The very  
elements seem to conspire against us. - Here in  
the White Sea, we have had awful Gales  
what must they be in the Black Sea? -

Now my Dear Friend, with your kindest say  
what is most wanted by you for the sick  
For people do not exactly know the things

that would be most acceptable. - I know that  
what I have is, and I have fortunately been  
able to send a little with this. -

Mr. thought me in the Crimea and with  
our suffering Soldiers. - Russia relies on her  
immense Horse, and it will be a bloody  
struggle between barbarism and civilization. -

It seems that God that Christ is decided  
to take part with us, as a Catholic power  
how could she do otherwise? and how? The  
Santo Padre, has done, and is doing great service  
to our cause. - The wicked Italian patriots  
(see above) these quite gain up, they are all  
now giving themselves up to Russian entreaties and  
gold. - They form however a very small minority  
for every reasonable person would far prefer  
freedom or any domination rather than Russian  
- an actor, Italy is, and will be quick for  
great poverty this year and miseries have  
left them so wide to embrace their evils by  
tumults. - -

If I was young and strong, I would  
soon be with you - but alas! age and  
weakness, leave me only power to pass my  
days in praying that they soon may finish.



I am at present quite alone here, without a  
relation or any one I can really call a friend,  
but shortly I am in hopes that a Brother  
of my Dearest Friends, a Catholic Clergyman  
Vicar General of the Mauritius will come to  
me. - Sometimes I have a wish to see Eng  
but I have no Tomb here. - Enough of Self.

Oh! how many aching hearts and desolate  
Visions and Visions are there now in the World!

= Many prayers are offered for you my Dear  
Wife & Children, and that your health may  
resist the tempests to which you are exposed to.

= The Almighty will protect you and our  
Holy Mother will aid you with her prayers  
to her blessed Son. - I see poor Catholic

Soldiers excite much my compassion = That  
valiant and courageous M<sup>r</sup> Wheeler who at  
last succumbed to his fatigues, we knew very  
well at Rome. - If M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Brunebridge  
are with you (as I hope) give my most  
kind regards, and if any one will give me  
one word to say you have received this  
I shall be very thankful =

Ever your most affectionate  
and admiring friend = E. C. Polgar. -



## List of Goods

M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Cortland of Pisa, will  
send by the first French Steamer  
going from Leghorn to Constantinople  
as a present to Miss Nightingale  
to be used as she pleases

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- 1 Case of French Cognac & Port Wine  
16 Doz Bottles
- 1 Case Old Linen
- 1 Case Sugar
- 1 Chest of Tea
- 100 Lbs of Chocolate
- 1 Doz espere of Coffee
- 1 Tin of Biscuits
- 1 Tin of Sago & Arrow-Root
- 1 Large Tin of Italian Pastes
- 40 Lbs of Concentrated Soup in  
Tablets. — — — — — True Noyen

Time of patent Grants  
- Several others

And perhaps a Pipe of Merscha.

Mr. Gordon means the Cases to be  
submitted to the E. H. H. H. H. H.  
but for Miss Nightingale.

It is supposed the French Steamer  
will be safe from Leyburn about  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of January next.

Paris Dec 19 = 1854.



Miss Nightingale  
British Hospital  
Scutari  
Constantinople

Answered  
Jan 1855

11, Wigmore Street.

18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1854

Madam,

We have to apologise  
for trespassing on some very  
valuable time, but beg  
to inform you that in  
consequence of an article  
which appeared in the  
"Times" we undertook  
to receive and back  
Lieut. Old Simon &c and  
we are happy to say that



in a few days we filled  
19 Cases  
3 Bales

which we have taken the  
liberty of directing to  
you, and they will be  
forwarded at different  
times in Admiralty  
vessels. We would also  
mention that there is  
one Case marked No 100  
which contains exclusively  
Linen, bandages, and  
Clothing. There will

also be forwarded in all the  
other Cases, a large quantity  
of Sheets, Towels, and  
Clothing, which will  
be found in excellent  
Condition for immediate  
use, also Old Linen  
Rag and a few books  
of Prayer &c, and  
we sincerely trust the  
whole of the Articles  
may be of use to you in  
your arduous undertaking.  
We remain, Madam,  
with great respect  
Your Obedt Servt  
Christian Stratton



Ms Charles Perkins  
presents her compliments  
to Miss Nightingale & begs  
to inform her that on  
Tuesday next, the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst  
she hopes to forward through  
the French Embassay this place  
a Box of Linen, comprising  
Sheets, old Table Linen, & Napkins,  
also a quantity of Linen, she  
has prepared, with the assistance  
of several ladies, in the foreign  
ways, being the only kind she  
could procure abroad. It is  
always used on the Continent  
& preferred, therefore should our  
Treasures reject it, Ms Perkins



keeps it may be much over  
to the French Hospitals, where  
it is no doubt used, as  
in France, & Germany.

The principal contributors  
of Linen, are Lucy Koney,  
Mrs. Woodhouse, Mrs. Shorneau,  
Miss Bertha Matthews, & Mrs.  
Lowe, who with some others,  
have joined Mrs. Perkins,  
in this little contribution, &  
have committed to her,  
the charge of forwarding  
the same, with her portion,  
the French Minister having  
kindly consented to forward,  
& the Consul, to pack, & send from  
the Post, which she hopes may  
reach its destination, & prove

of some little use.

If Miss Nightingale will kindly  
direct a line to be written to  
Mr John Buckley Hotel d'Angleterre  
Rue Constantinople, as knowing  
the packet, it would relieve the  
fears that now so generally  
prevail, as to the safe arrival  
of private parcels, & which  
often, so very many from  
sinking.

14 Via Fontanella Barbiana  
Rome 26<sup>th</sup> Jan'y  
1855.

P.S. In some trouble  
Mr Perkins will request  
her nephew Mr. Stanley  
to call on her & make  
inquiry respecting the  
arrival of the Book, which  
will contain a list of the  
contents.



F L Hausburg,  
Old Post Office Buildings,  
Liverpool.

1st December 1854.

Dear Madam,

I have the pleasure of informing you that by the  
Steamer "Arabia" from this port I have forwarded to your address  
a small box containing Linen and Lint and trusting it may duly  
arrive.

I beg to remain, Dear Madam,

Your most obedient servant,

To Miss Nightingale.

F Hausburg.

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of informing you that by the  
Steamer "Arabia" from this port  
I have forwarded to your address  
a small box containing linen  
& Lint and trusting it may  
duly arrive

F. L. H. W. I - I beg to remain

P. To

Dear Madam  
Yours most obedt Servt  
Miss Lightfoot F. L. Hausburg



Miss Earle begs to apologise to  
Miss Nightingale for intruding  
upon her valuable time.  
She encloses two specimens  
of lint she has made from  
table linen, and is very  
anxious to send some for  
the use of the Hospital  
if Miss Nightingale could  
assure <sup>her</sup> that it is the right  
sort, and that the Hospital  
is not already sufficiently  
provided with lint.  
Miss Earle will not trouble  
Miss Nightingale to write but  
merely to enclose in the envelope  
which bears her address  
the kind which she most  
approves of.

Allerton Tower  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>



Harmonster Jan<sup>24</sup> 1842

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My dear Miss Wightingale

With the kind  
assistance of my good friend  
Mrs. Michel and two or three  
friends here we have  
collected a few articles  
which we thought might  
be of service to your poor  
sick men. Two bales are  
to be put on board the  
Bajah to day at Southamp-  
ton and I trust our mite  
will reach you safely  
I should have collected  
earlier and much more

had it not been for a  
friend of mine who told  
me that a very large quan-  
-tity of excellent Linen  
which she had with a  
good deal of trouble got to-  
-gether had been returned  
to her with a message that  
it was not wanted, quite  
sufficient having been already  
sent, recent accounts however  
made us think that it might  
not be unacceptable and we  
have hastily put together  
the few things we have had  
time to knit and collect.

I cannot tell you what my  
feelings were when I heard  
of your noble sacrifice my  
admiration and love for you  
were if possible increased tenfold

and I quite pained that I was  
not able to offer to be one of  
your nurses but you have  
friends with you who will  
watch over and take care  
of you better than I could  
have done, and those who  
are for so much is rejoiced  
only the consolation of being  
able to pray for you, and  
most earnestly and sincerely  
do I in common with the  
many thousands whose hearts  
are with you in your great  
work of charity pray that  
God will preserve and keep  
you to be yet a blessing and  
a comfort to thousands more.  
I could scarcely ask you  
to be so good as to write to  
me did I not know that  
large mass of your benevolent



So I ought not to utter a complaint that I  
able to do a little for my dear friends  
as a sufficient blessing I fear for well  
enough when you see what I see & how  
satisfied care of you but I must think  
it would have made me happy to have  
saved you any trouble or in any way to  
have left behind you back which will  
know is a most anxious one. But I  
trust will I have no doubt that you  
and I shall see things in a better way  
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## LORD PONSONBY'S CURE FOR CHOLERA.—1832.

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I send you a prescription, which, if taken in time, is a certain cure—it has proved to be so in many cases to my own knowledge. Its simplicity and the minute quantity of the doses, will induce you to doubt of its efficacy, but trust to this fact, that you will have had experience of its power and virtue, *before* it will be in your power to obtain medical advice; that is to say in a quarter of an hour or twenty-five minutes—observe one thing, if you take any thing except cold or iced water, its whole effect will be destroyed. All you have to do is to place the patient in bed and not to overload him with clothes or plague him with any external applications, but leave him to the medicine, which is one sixth part of Camphor, dissolved in six parts of strong Spirits of Wine, or two drachms of Camphor, to an ounce and a half of Spirits of Wine. Of this immediately on being attacked, the patient is to take two drops on a little pounded sugar in a teaspoonful of cold or iced water; in five minutes after, two more drops; and so continue till the symptoms begin to yield. If the vomiting should be violent, so as to render it difficult for the stomach to retain the Camphor, a small piece of ice, about the size of a nutmeg, must be given before and after the camphor; proceed till there is a sense of returning warmth, with a disposition towards perspiration, and a manifest decrease of sickness and cramps.

This will never fail if given at once, and will always do good at any period of the disease—but the least mixture of other medicine neutralizes the effects of the Camphor.

Your's ever,  
PONSONBY.

To the Hon. Right Rev.  
the Lord Bishop of Derry.



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My dear Mr. Bracebridge,

I have had Invoices sent to  
you of an immense number  
of Packages for Scutari, and  
a great many addressed to  
Miss Nightingale in the "Hulaguin"  
and "Istanbul" Steamers;  
which arrived

Very truly Yours

J. Paulist.

Scutari.

Feb. 7. 55.



Newbury Port  
Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Madam

I enclose the Bill of  
Lading for the two cases  
which I wrote to you  
last week. The freight is  
paid, & the Masted was to  
sail yesterday. I trust  
the cases will arrive safely  
& be of some little use.

I am Dear Madam

Yours truly  
Wm. Brooke





Mrs. Hays presents  
her compliments  
to Miss Lightin-  
gale & begs to say  
she has sent some  
Newspapers, for  
the amusement  
of the poor sick  
soldiers of the 30th  
Regt. which she  
hopes they will  
enjoy



She like forward  
She illustrated  
London news  
very week with  
an occasional  
N. & M. Gazette -  
hoping they may  
be of some  
assistance in  
passing the sea  
house -  
She says Miss M.

like assume the  
30th Soldier of the  
Moor interest she  
takes, and her  
with, as their bel  
fare - her thought  
are with them  
night & day - to those  
who have been  
& children she  
says she likes say she  
is exerting herself to  
train whip for  
them from the  
start for the



Proposed

13. Irish Terrace  
Burytown

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
/55



Galata 14 Dec: 1854

Madam,

I now send over to your address,

1 Bale contg  
1 doz Calico Shirts  
v 6 1/2 " Flannel Shirts

1 Pkt Postage Stamps £2.  
1 Pkt Wafers } should have  
been sent  
with the Stationary

1 Box contg  
Sago, from Marseilles the box of which was broken  
& a part of 5 1/2 doz Flannel Shirts  
the remainder of which are in a small  
Canvas Bag

1 Small Canvas Bag.

~~The~~ Two other Packages arrived from Marseilles  
& One Box of Books from England & Medicine  
will be forwarded tomorrow.

There are two

Miss Nightingale  
Scutari Hospital.



Packages more are arrived from Marsillie  
we have not yet got possession of  
but will look after them.

I am Madam  
Your obt. Servt  
Charles Hanson

Dear Miss Nightingale  
I wrote you  
a short time previous  
to my leaving Sicily  
and enclosed you my  
address which I hope  
you received and  
I now take the first  
opportunity of writing  
to thank you for



your kindness to me  
at a time when I so  
much required your  
sympathy & assistance  
Believe me dear  
Miss Nightingale it  
will ever be remembered  
I am at present in  
lodgings but hope in  
the course of a few days  
to rent a cottage if I can  
one at a reasonable rate  
I look forward with  
anxiety the result

of your kind interference  
in my behalf with your  
friends at home if they  
kindly take my case  
under their consideration  
Will they know my  
address or should I write  
to any particular person  
& send it with kind regards  
to Mr & Mrs. Macbridge  
in which my family join  
Believe me dear Miss Nightingale  
Yr. very sincerely  
Elizabeth Pease  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan'y. 1857

Nice 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 54

My Dear Miss Florence

Allow me to recall  
an old friend to your remembrance  
while sending a small provision  
of chocolate for your patients  
which is a donation from my  
nephew James Morris and a young  
friend of ours, Mr. Janet.

I am sorry to say that there is  
nothing from me, as I had not  
time to prepare some wine which  
I hope to send from Genoa by  
the next steamer. I cannot

express to you how much we  
were surprised & touched to hear  
of the magnanimous resolution  
you had taken, & sincerely hope  
yours



strength will bear up & allow  
you to go through with it, accompa-  
nied by the blessings of so many  
sufferers. I had the pleasure  
of receiving two days ago an inter-  
esting letter from your mama,  
in which she gives me a most  
consolatory account of <sup>yourself</sup> all the good  
you have already done, and good  
news of the rest of the family.

I need not say how happy we  
should be, my brother in law Biondini,  
my nephew, & myself if on your  
return, we were fortunate enough  
to see you either at Genoa or here,  
for since the acquisition we have  
made of a country residence here  
we pass more of our time at Nice

than at Genoa, where I missed  
you on a former occasion, when you  
kindly went to visit me, and I was  
absent. I will not intrude  
longer on your precious time  
and remain

Yours truly & affec. ly  
Lydia Bird

Manchester

13<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1854.

Madam

We have the honor to  
acquaint you that we have  
shipped on board the Steamer  
Strong & Navy for Scutari Five  
Packages addressed to you agree-  
ably to the Bill of Lading inclosed.  
They are a portion of a very large  
number of packages which we have  
received by order of the Secretary at  
War intended for Hospital Service,  
& then have been sent as they  
were received by us from Mr  
Herbut. The above Ship could  
not receive more.

We have the honor to be

Madam

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> W<sup>ts</sup>  
Miss Nightingale. Hayter & Howell



Park Cottage  
Devizes  
January 1.  
1855



Madam,

I beg to inform you that  
I have this day dispatched a  
box addressed to you at  
Scutari, containing Pin Bouds,  
Cushions for the sick, Sponges  
&c. a list of which is inside.  
They are an offering from Miss  
Mrs Col. Moore, widow of the  
late Col. Moore of the 6<sup>th</sup> Dragoons,  
My brother Mr. Henry Clarke,  
My sister Mrs. Judith & myself.  
We hope you may find them  
serviceable for some of our poor  
Sick Soldiers & Sailors, I am

Madam Yours  
faithfully  
M<sup>rs</sup> J. Clarke  
Lepidoptera

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21. York road  
Lambeth

January 25<sup>th</sup> - 1855

Dear Madam,

Your very benevolent  
feelings, encourage me to  
hope you will excuse the  
liberty I take, in addressing  
you and requesting you will  
at your earliest leisure  
give me an account of  
the death of George West  
mentioned in this days  
Newspaper as having  
died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January  
of Dysentery, Ambulance Corps  
at Scutari. Under any  
circumstances, death  
always

occasional melancholy  
feelings, to the relatives who  
are survivors, but it <sup>is</sup> more  
particularly painful to his  
Father, and myself, as his  
Grandmother - she having  
obtained for him, a Cadet's  
-ship to India - and was  
with a Tutor, and nearly passed  
his first examination for  
the appointment - when sudden-  
ly he started off - and placed  
himself in the 46 Regiment.  
My Son saw Colonel Garrett  
at Windsor, several times  
afterwards - and related

the circumstances mentioned.  
He of course expressed much  
regret at the circumstance, but  
told my Son, if he was so  
situated - in regard to his  
own Son, that he would not  
remove him, as a little hard-  
-ship might in after life be  
of essential service. I pray  
you to let us know as full  
particulars as possible, if  
any communications were  
made for us, and if his  
sufferings were great, if  
any Clergyman was with  
him - in short, all that  
you can possibly collect



of information - that you  
know will be a comfort  
to us. Dear Madam your  
self sacrificing goodness  
cannot be too highly appre-  
ciated here and will  
follow you, in glory to the  
realms of bliss. With every  
good wish for your health,  
as regards yourself and  
those you have so nobly  
undertaken to comfort,  
and relieve, I am dear Madam  
yours, with very sincere  
respect *Lucretia Elizabeth Prescott*

Tiverton Devon

Madam,

This day forward  
sent to the Rev. - Joseph  
for Messrs Luthbert & Son  
in behalf of the President  
of Tiverton himself  
a package of linen &c for  
the use of the poor women  
West Soldiers at Tiverton.

My appeal of yours  
is sure to be attended  
to -



as all Englishmen  
must fully appreciate  
the noble sacrifice you,  
as well as those with you  
have made by devoting  
yourselves to nursing  
and comforting our poor  
suffering Countrymen  
that it may please  
God to bless your efforts  
for their relief.

is the earnest prayer  
of Madam,

Yours faithfully,  
Charlotte Carige, -

If it is not costing  
too much a line to say  
the things are received  
would be very gratify-  
ing -

(Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>)  
/54

Mr Charles Buck presents  
his compliments to Mrs  
Sightengale & begs to inform  
her that her Mother Mr  
Wiley who has arrived at  
the age of four score years  
is perfectly blind, hearing  
how much warm clothing  
is required for the sick &  
wounded Soldiers in the  
Hospitals at Scutari has  
provided 13 dozen of red



Flannel Waistcoats, every  
one of which she has fixed  
herself. I is forwarding to  
the East Mrs' Miss Hayte  
& Howell & Mack some  
sundries together with  
Shirts, Sheets, Towels &c  
contributed by her Daughter  
Mr' Morby & her Husband.  
Mr' Mack has thought  
it advisable to divide  
the clothes. I forward one  
half just they are  
packed

I will be sent at once.

It would be a great grati-  
fication to Mr' Missy to  
know her Waistcoat & such  
their destination I am  
as acceptable as any  
thing she could send.

28 Ribblesdale Place  
Preston

Lancashire

Dec 21/1854 -



Miss Nightingale

Keswick Cumberland  
Dec 11

Madam Permit me to place in your hands the enclosed papers. Long engagement in the service of the suffering gives me courage to ask your attention. I recommended various disinfectants to missionaries thirty years ago, & for more than that time have been using them & recommending them, but I never found any so convenient & efficacious as this "Collins' powder." will you read & give the attention of your "staff" of nurses to the papers concerning it. I am hopes that with this, or soon after it, you will receive a box of it. I see in the newspapers that Hospital Gangrene is apprehended, & indeed has broken out at Katarin. I believe you would find this "disinfectant" a powerful remedy. in the former war & for many years after, I had intimate friends among Army & Hospital Surgeons; from them I heard that bad air caused it. one of those my medical authorities told me that wounds that would not heal while the patient lay on the floor, were healed when raised to the level of the other beds. the same of typhus. the bad air sinking - I am trying to direct all



The Ladies are raising, either of money  
or clothing to you. You will know  
how to dispose of it, even if you have  
more than you want; my experience in  
the clothing comtee for Ireland in 1822  
having shown me that Ladies are more  
efficacious distributors of all supplies of  
food & clothing & means of health & cure, than  
any Commissioners or other Govt agents.

I recommend having permanent  
Ladies' comtees formed, to continue  
to care for our suffering soldiers -  
I will try to form such -

Yours very Dear Madam most  
respectfully & faithfully yours

James Rolleston

formerly Secy to the British & Irish  
Ladies' Society - & on various  
anti-slavery comtees &c



Burlington Quay —  
Yorkshire —  
Jan<sup>ry</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855

5 Miss Hightinsale X  
My dear Madam

Some of the inhabi-  
tants of this place deeply —  
sympathising with those  
poor wounded <sup>men</sup> under your  
care, and elsewhere, have  
forwarded on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup>  
to the care of Miss Hightinsale  
A. Howell & Co., containing  
the following articles —

134 Colico Shirts — 50 Flannel do  
38<sup>l</sup> Shirts — 77 Pillow covers —  
106 towels — 25 pieces of Shamsa  
0 pr of Wool Mitts — 0 pr of Mufflers —  
Books &c — My object in writing



to request you will have  
the goodness to acknowledge  
the arrival of this Box - for  
it will greatly increase  
their pleasure to know you  
certain that you have  
received it - And perhaps  
you will not consider it  
too much trouble to say  
what articles continue to be  
wanted amongst the poor  
men - This is but a small  
needing place still I feel  
sure that the people will  
soon respond to any future  
calls of their suffering country  
men - My Mrs Madam allow

me to add that as long  
as the Ladies of England  
have before them, such  
bright examples as yourself,  
those who so kindly have left  
all to go and be with you.  
They will never get weary  
in assisting you, in this true  
work of charity - And to bow  
I have - Believe me my dear  
Madam to remain  
Yours most Respectfully  
Mary Codd,

Wrote to -  
Mrs Codd  
Burlington Quay  
Yorkshire

I am hoping  
to send the  
texts in about  
10 days' time,  
& hope you may  
like them.

Dear Madam,

This is a stranger to you, I feel  
that I cannot address you in any other  
day than the above, & believe you will  
excuse it. I will not however unnece-  
sarily take up your time.

From a remark contained in the letter  
of some clergyman citing F. Sicutari,  
saying how useful hymns or texts  
of Scripture upon cards were to the  
soldiers, the idea struck me, that  
a few striking words of Scripture painted



words, might be a comfort & help to some a few inappropriate words, might, by being  
of v. poor sounded charges in the childishly presented to the eye, sink  
Hospital. Others to those opinions I ~~throw~~ down as it were by God's great Mercy  
with much respect, though the same, even into the heart, & there abide.  
& I have therefore ventured to employ I am thankful even to hope, than to  
myself of late (& very happily too) in help & comfort any, but whether or not  
painting some texts, hoping that you may think it well to use the texts  
B. approve of them, & allow them to be I am sending out, I can only say, that  
placed upon the walls of the hospital. the more doing them has gladdened  
It has seemed to me, that in the much me. I very earnestly trust that your  
occasional distractions caused by the labours of love may be deeply blessed  
more bodily care of the sick, as well to yourself, & to many, & with hearty  
as in the seeking & bearing that so good wishes for v. true prosperity,  
unfil the mind oftentimes for things, Waverley

I remain dear Madam  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1855. v. very respectfully  
Sarah Wallis

Lubbock, Priddy  
Workshop - Notes - 24<sup>th</sup> June

Mrs Chambers has the  
pleasure of sending  
Miss Nightingale a  
Leander box of comforts  
for her Invalids &  
hopes that the box of  
Soap especially will  
be found excellent -

The Smelling bottles  
are intended for those



Men who are not  
provided with them on  
the campaign to replenish  
them with — This  
box left Liverpool  
Yesterday in the screw  
Steamer Tenerife for  
Constantinople —

Contents of Box no 2.

20 Shirts  
30 Handkerchiefs  
2 pairs Flannel Drawers  
Some Handkerchieves,  
Some Writing paper  
12 Camphor bottles  
1 Ham - 1 Cheese  
36 pots of Jam & Jelly  
1 Bottle Raspberry Sugar  
3 packets of Cocoa  
1 Bottle of Ginger  
1 Box of Wax Matches  
1 Box of Soap —

London Dec-16<sup>th</sup>/54  
2 Collet Place  
Commercial Road  
East

Mr. M.D.

Having an anxious desire to be  
of some service to my fellow creatures  
whose cause you have so feelingly, and  
nobly espoused, and which will ever be  
remembered, by thousands, with gratitude  
and affection among the numbers, I  
most respectfully offer my most  
sincere, and devoted thanks for the  
= vices you render to those dear suffer-  
= es committed to care, and I trust  
God in his mercy may render you in-  
= strumental in restoring many

The purport of this letter  
the intention of which I hope you  
will pardon, is in order to forward  
a most valuable receipt for making  
a poultice simply of flour and water  
instead of bread, which will when applied  
keep hot for some hours, whilst bread  
soon becomes cold, when it is uncombined



on the contrary, my poultice is a  
most comfortable one, having applied  
it in many instances with the greatest  
Success, in short if I wish to do so, I  
could obtain a livelihood by it, but  
my desire as always been to make  
myself useful, without gain, in all  
such matters, and hope you will kindly  
adopt the use of the said Poultice when  
I am sure you will give it your  
assent - make it as I have before  
said simply, with flour and cold water  
mix it to the consistence of pancake  
batter, then rub a little Lard on the  
bottom of the pan, just sufficient to keep  
it from sticking, then pour in the  
batter according to the size required.  
taking care to have it larger than  
the wound it is to cover, as soon as  
it is set, and nearly appears to want  
turning (which must not be done -  
Slip it out of the pan onto any  
piece of cloth no matter the colour, as  
it does not touch the sore, and then  
rub also a little Lard on the surface to  
prevent it sticking, at the same time  
dab it with your fingers to supple it

and apply it as hot as the patient  
can bear, you will find it draw much  
better and quicker than any other I have  
had it used, and known it, cure skin  
both Lincodmical and bread have failed  
and is made in a shorter time as five  
minutes, were make and bake it, or rather  
dry it. I have made numbers of cures  
with it, and as a ~~proof~~ proof. I forward  
you a copy of one Note I received the other  
day from a poor Irish Labourer, who had  
an abscess in the palm of his hand, the  
person of which will I trust will induce  
you to have it immediately tried, it  
will heal, as it draws, which is rather  
sharp at first nevertheless it cures in its  
progress, and will give great comfort to  
the sufferer, and the other hand it  
will not only save the Linen bag, but  
Bread, besides flour might be purchased  
when bread cannot - I have omitted to say  
that like as with bread poultice the wound  
must be bathed with warm water before applying  
the said poultice a second time, trusting that  
you may be successful in the use of it is

the sincere wish of  
Wm. de la Roche  
Jane Goodwin  
Late Dr. Gulliver

To Miss Sightingale,

12 Hyde Park Square  
London

January 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

My dear Madam,

I have sent you  
several small collections of  
things during the winter in  
the packages of friends - and  
should have continued to do  
so without troubling you - but  
my friend Lady Ingham has  
advised me to send direct  
to you the few things I have  
just finished. That I may  
have the satisfaction of



hearing they are really useful  
If they are I shall be happy  
to send you many more  
of the same kind or other  
dressing gowns if they would  
be more useful than flannel  
and I shall be thankful for  
any improvement you can  
suggest - or to do any thing  
I can, at so great a distance,  
to assist you.

The package I have just  
directed by you only contains

30 pairs of carpet slippers  
6 warm dressing gowns  
18 pairs of woolen stockings  
a few sheets and some more  
jackets and drawers. If the  
slippers are any comfort  
I shall be delighted to send  
any number.

I will not trouble you to  
answer my letter but a  
few words from any one  
to advise me what to  
do will be sufficient to

to convince me that I may  
go on with my insignificant  
offerings.

Our prayers for you are  
daily offered for a continuance  
of health and strength to  
carry on your noble undertaking.

I am dear Madam  
Yours very truly  
Clara Adolphus



Wright of Savannah  
27<sup>th</sup> January 1857-

Miss Fittengale X

I beg most respectfully  
to inform you that a parcel  
has been forwarded from Dublin  
to Scutten Hospital for Mr.  
It has been sent by Mrs. Rusk  
and Mrs. White in my wife's  
name Ellen Foster. The donor  
has informed me in the letter  
which I received that the  
said parcel would be  
forwarded to me by you  
Should you be pleased  
to send it immediately

you will much oblige  
your ob. servant  
James Foster

P. B. My address is  
James Foster  
Sgt. 21. Regiment  
British Army in the Crimea



Shalford House. Guildford  
Surrey. January 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Madam.

So many packages  
having been mis-sent or  
lost in their transmission  
from England to the East  
I am induced to trouble  
you with a few lines to  
say that I have forwarded  
to your agents Messrs. Howell  
& Clayton, a box containing  
the contributions of several  
friends (a list of which I  
will enclose) which I shall  
feel very much obliged  
if you will distribute  
to those to whom you  
may think they will be  
most useful. & if it is  
not troubling you too much  
I would ask for a line to  
acknowledge their receipt  
or if Miss Estlin should be  
writing to her family  
perhaps she would kindly  
mention the arrival of  
the box & thus save you the



trouble. I have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Sister & some mutual friends who live near Lady Eskiene in Wales would give me the desired information. I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in thus addressing you. I fear you may think the contents of the box scarcely worthy of so much trouble. But I am anxious to know that they have come safe to hand. I have waited upwards of a week in hopes of hearing by what steamer my box has been sent, but not having done so I send my letter off at once. With very good wish & sincere prayers for God's blessing on your exertions believe me dear Madam

Yours sincerely  
Sophia M. Taylor

List of articles sent to Scutari

- 24 Scotch caps.
- 4 Col<sup>d</sup> night caps
- 2 Crochet caps
- 1 Glenzarry cap
- 8 Sewate pillows
- 1 Mr. Irish caps
- 2 Mr. Cork soles
- 1 Mr. Felt ditto
- 7 Flannel bands
- 4 Mrs. Woolen socks
- 1 Mr. large stockings
- 3 Woolen comforters
- 14 Col<sup>d</sup> cotton pocket handkerchiefs
- 6 Washleather breastplates
- 3 Cotton ditto
- 6 Mr. Muffaters
- 5 Mr. Mitts
- 4 Mrs. Felt gannetts
- 4 Mr. Wool ditto
- 1 Polka jacket
- 1 Red flannel Jersey
- 2 Wool ditto
- 1 Mr. Maudage covers
- 1 Quilted invalid rest
- 1 Greenish linen
- 1 Box Soap & Stationary
- 1 Small tin of Camphor
- Railway Library & other books.



Dear Madam

I have taken the liberty  
of requesting my publisher to  
enclose a few books in a  
box of Unit &c - now about  
to be sent to Santarini. I trust  
you that they possibly might  
serve to while away some  
 tedious moments when the  
 poor suffer at the Hospital  
 cannot attend to deeper or  
 more serious reading.  
I would not trouble you with  
them but that knowing the  
feeling which is prevalent  
respecting both of the same  
class I feared that they might

fall into the hands of some  
person who would consider  
them objectionable.

In this season also I request  
my publisher to write your  
name in them.

If they should not be of use  
they will be at your disposal  
for any other purpose - if  
the contrary I shall be truly  
grateful to have been permitted  
even in so slight a way to  
testify my sympathy with  
the work you have undertaken  
& which has my earnest  
prayer for its success.

I could at any time send

<sup>copies of the</sup>  
more books if they can be  
useful.

I do not of course ask  
for any acknowledgement  
of the receipt of the books -  
your time is much too  
fully occupied to allow of  
any such extra work - but  
if you should again be writing  
to Mr Bowman who is a  
friend of ours and would  
nearly say that they had  
reached you I should feel  
satisfied that they had not  
been mislaid - but even this  
is a matter of no consequence.

Pray believe me dear Madam



with sincere respect  
very truly yours

Elizabeth M. Sewall

Boston. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

May 1845

Beauly, N.B.

December 18<sup>th</sup>

My dear Miss Nightingale

The Rev. I have been requested  
by Mr. Fane of Kirkcubright who  
is going out to the prison  
as one of the chaplains to the  
Governor to give him a letter  
of introduction to you. He  
is an old and most val-  
ued friend of my husband  
and a person most dearly  
and highly respected in  
his country & much beloved  
by his parishioners, he was  
before chosen by the Free



one of  
Chuck party as their expression  
in the Mission they  
send out, his presence are  
peculiarly pleasing & gentle.  
He will I have no doubt  
be a great comfort to the  
wounded & sick. You  
have under your kind care  
I will not my dear Miss  
Nightingale take up your  
valuable time by a long  
letter, but you must  
permit me to express  
to you the of sincere  
admiration, your  
noble conduct has excited  
all over England & Scotland  
I have been collecting  
money in our country

in order to send out  
a box of things likely  
to be necessary & useful  
to our noble soldiers in  
the Crimea & in our country  
town where I was being  
generously treated. I found  
myself feeling much better  
recovered when my father-in-law  
found that I had the  
pleasure of knowing you  
the I wish you could  
have heard the praises &  
praises that accompanied  
your name or rather  
the mention of it.  
We have had very cold  
and severe weather in the

time of years & the high  
minds that have journeyed  
often made us talk & think  
of you all in the prison  
we have. Many we are much  
much interested in out with  
you. It is many years since  
I have seen my dear Dr. Mackenzie  
if he still remembers me.  
Will you give her my  
kindest love & best regards  
to Dr. Mackenzie. My dear  
little flock are all well  
I have nothing to tell you  
that can interest you here  
but I may accept my  
dear Miss Nightingale my best  
& warmest wishes & prayers for  
your welfare & allow me  
to sign myself with the  
deepest & sincerest admiration  
Yours affly H. J. Stewart Mackenzie



Will you send the  
Iran Arm Choir &  
morning with the  
men & any  
letters there are  
from after

W. Stanley

Kaulalee  
Saturday



My dear Madam Dec<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

I have forwarded to day  
from Exeter Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup> Cuthbert  
a very large Bale directed to you  
as Scutario, contributed by friends  
in Exeter & the neighbourhood. And  
as it contained a very valuable  
quantity of fine old Linen and  
Danish D<sup>ble</sup> Lencie besides a  
large number of Sheets & Shirts,  
all sorts of Bandages, a large supply  
of Lint &c, I think it right to apprise  
you of its being sent, and also to  
enclose a list of the several packages  
in the Bale, all of which I have  
very carefully sorted, and have had  
sewed up in separate parcels, which  
are tickled and numbered. There  
is no mixture of Calico in the  
Bale, except in the Shirts & bandages.  
Amongst the large number of  
packages that will be sent out to  
you, it would be difficult to distinguish  
any particular one. I have therefore  
had printed in large letters "from  
Exeter" on the Bale, and I trust  
it will not only reach you in



safely, but be the means of adding  
to the comfort of the sick & wounded  
whom you are so kindly nursing

If any one in the Hospital  
could find time to send me a  
few lines when the Bale has  
reached its destination, it  
would be a great satisfaction  
to me to be able to inform the  
kind friends around me  
of its having done so.

I am dear Madam with  
much esteem, and earnest  
wishes for your success in the  
great work you have undertaken.

Yours very faithfully  
Cecilia D. Turner

My address is

Mr. Charles Turner  
Cathedral Yard  
Exeter

### List of Packages contained in Bale

1. Linen Sheets & Pillow cases
2. Old Shirts, all mended ready to wear
3. Bandages of all kinds & lengths.
4. Towels
5. Pieces of Fine Linen all sorted.
6. Do. Do.
7. Pads of all sizes & a knitted bed rest
8. Lint
9. Bandages of 5 yards length.
10. Pieces of Fine Linen, all sorted
11. Coarser pieces of Linen
12. Pieces of Fine Linen, all sorted.
13. Linen Sheets & Pillow Cases, not so  
large a package as No. 1.
14. Very Fine Pieces of Linen, sorted.
15. A large Package of fine Damask Linen
16. Woolen, knitted Cuffs, mitts, comfort  
gloves &c. &c.
17. Tail, & other bandages, pads &c.
18. Odd pieces, all Linen

There are also some Books, Tracts  
Newspapers, writing paper and a  
warm Great Coat.



Naples  
22<sup>d</sup> Dec. 1854


Ami

My dear Florence  
I am sending you  
by to day's Steamer, about  
five hundred weight of old  
linen for your wounded  
at Secaria. - The contributions  
of English residents at  
Naples have been abundant  
and as all old linen rags  
were supposed to be accor-  
dable to you, I give Staff,

I have not withheld any  
of the tattered rags which  
have been included in  
their various Packets of



Naples  
22 Dec. 1854

Q.   
My dear Florence

I am sending you  
by to day's Steamer, about  
five hundred weight of old  
linen for your wounded  
at Scutari. - The contributions  
of English residents at  
Naples have been abundant  
and as all old linen rags  
were supposed to be accepi-  
ble to you, I give Staff,

I have not withheld any  
of the battered rags which  
have been included in  
their various Packets of

Lincoln - Those Ladies  
who are merely travellers  
here & consequently have  
no store of old Lorken,  
have occupied their time  
in picking up pieces for  
Lent (Chaspie) such as  
as I have supplied to them.

Pray say if this Lent  
is useful to you -

I wrote to you by the last  
week's Boat via the Embassy  
Bag - Please to answer  
me, if only a few lines

& you may send it to  
Lord Napier's care at the  
Constantinople Embassy.

D. Strange joins me  
in kind compliments &  
good wishes to you, in your  
exemplary occupation.

Believe me

very truly yours

W A Strange

Naples

22<sup>d</sup> Dec.



Miss Nightingale

40 old Sheets  
130 — Pillowcases  
39 torn Shirts  
21 { old ~~damask~~ Table Cloths  
some of them  
very soft old Damask  
9 Dozen damask Table Napkins.  
25 Towels  
2 many bundles of  
scraps of old linen  
& a large quantity of "Charpie"  
The total weighs 5 hundred <sup>weight</sup>

Sent packed in  
2 bales addressed "  
Hospital Stores"  
for Miss Nightingale  
Scutari  
Constantinople

Naples. Dec. 22<sup>d</sup> 1854.



Miss Nightingale.

Bristol  
Softrigist  
Jan 24/85

Madam

We are all in duty  
bound to contribute our aid  
ever so slender - after your  
your Grand example to  
the world

Having traveled much in  
my time to every quarter  
of the Globe - when travelling  
in the U States - the anned  
remedy for the ~~Diarrhea~~ <sup>Diarrhea</sup>  
was much on use and  
many found great relief  
from it - The Medical Man



may be consulted if you  
see causeable

Trusting the Anxious  
Providence in his goodness  
will grant you the Blessing  
of Health in your Anxious  
undertakings is the Prayer  
of all of us - I remain

Mrs. Ann C. Woodford  
Eun<sup>d</sup> Pettis

For the Diarrhoea  
a small Tea Cup of Flour  
mix with Best Powder  
a small quantity of <sup>Sugar</sup> ~~Sugar~~  
mix to a Thin Paste  
Take all for a Dose -

Also a simple Remedy  
for a Cough by an  
Eminent Physician  
Their Table Spoonful of  
Mullein or Plecter  
3 or 4 of Vinegar  
40 Drops Laudanum or  
small Peppermint  
Mix together take a Table  
Spoonful going to rest  
To a Child Half the quantity

Pl I sent you a copy  
of this on the  
I but omitted saying  
prayer this and trust will be

very true - but however it must be prayers and



Madam

Influenced by the purest  
motives to render if possible  
speedy relief to the poor gallant  
sufferer under your care, I  
beg leave to offer for your most  
immediate assistance, an  
invaluable, and I may not  
unfailing Cure for Dysentery  
and Diarrhoea, which I have  
recommended with the utmost  
success to my surrounding King  
Shoahood for years past, and

has a permanent & surprising  
effect in these cases, both in  
my own person, & most other  
members of my family, & many  
by the blessing of God, & others  
from the jaws of death & a  
beloved sister when in the last  
stage of Dysentery. It also  
checked & kept at bay diarrhoea, &  
was the chief medicine which  
saved my own life when  
labouring under dangerous Cholera  
about four months ago. Should  
the ingredients not be at hand,  
order them by all means from  
some other quarter, & most the  
poor sufferers will soon testify  
to you of extraordinary good effects.

Some water is a chief ingredient  
of it, which my Medical Man  
will be able to tell you how  
to prepare. It would be most  
valuable medicine for the poor  
fellow suffering from diarrhoea  
at School & elsewhere.

Should Miss Nightingale  
find the prescription successful  
in relieving her sufferings, I earnestly  
request that she will allow  
me the gratification of hearing  
then which do they could  
afford me greater pleasure  
for which purpose I shall <sup>offer</sup> my  
services. May the Lord  
preserve your noble mind



benovolent efforts for the  
relief of suffering humanity  
is my warmest desire

Believe me dear, Dear Madam  
Yours very faithfully  
Louisa Keill

Mossdale House 24 July 1855

I am just recovering from an  
attack of severe influenza and  
scarcely able to write, which I hope  
will form an excuse for all errors  
in the Communication.

My address is

Mrs Keill  
Mossdale House  
Dunmurry  
Belfast  
Ireland

Excellent Cure for Dysentery & Diarrhoea

Half a common tea Cupful of warm New  
Milk, pour into it an equal quantity of Cold  
Lime water making the mixture tepid for the  
patient, then add 20 or 30 chips of Laudnum.

This dose may be given from three to six  
times per day. Laudnum may be increased  
or decreased in quantity as the Case requires.



## How to prepare Lime Water

Pour water over unslaked Lime,  
when the ebullition ceases, and the  
water becomes limpid let the scum  
be taken off and the water is  
then pure and fit for use.





he found Comfort & Consolation  
for his departing soul poor  
young Man he was well brought  
up with a good Education  
but knowing my kindness  
until he entered the Army  
I thought it proper him I will  
esteem it a great honor on  
your part as I am not aware  
of another Lady with so  
feeling a Heart towards  
her fellow creatures as you  
have manifested this country  
at large cannot recompense  
you with gratitude but oh.  
our Heavenly Father he is the  
rewarder for us all you my  
dear Lady have thousands

praying for you daily  
I wish the poor boy had  
returned I might have mingled  
my prayers with his for you  
but you have me of reward from  
our Heavenly Master I oft times  
think you must be more than  
mortals to undertake the task of  
such a labor. Oh May God  
bless you. Every blessing be to him  
after Mary that gives money is  
because they don't need it but  
your kindness surpasses all poverty  
as your life is at stake with  
I pray God preserve.

The young Man whom I am  
anxious to hear about was the  
son of a dear departed sister  
whom I much lament she is  
laid in the tomb with my  
beloved Husband. who gave that  
poor unfortunate young Man the  
name.

J. Howard - I should  
Much like to know where  
he was buried -

I must again ask pardon  
for trespassing on your  
Valuable time

beginning to remain  
yours Most gratefully

C. D. Howard

If I can collect lines on any  
thing useful for you I will  
not think it my task or rather  
pleasure you can employ me in  
for indeed it would be to me  
an inexpressible pleasure to serve  
you although unknown to each  
other. - Excuse all imperfections

Charlotte Anne Howard



Enith Taylor. Ardara. Ireland  
10th January 1855.

Madam, Having been  
in the service of the  
one of the Nurses at Scutari  
requesting to have 200  
Packets of Clothing for the  
Hospital there. I sent out 200  
marked "Hospital 200" which  
I have started by the 1st of the month.  
I have enquired of friends to  
get 11 dozen more of which  
I have already a collection  
of the same destination.  
I should be glad to hear  
if you require a still  
further supply as if so  
I will please to supply you.

200  
Packets  
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Clothing  
for  
the  
Hospital  
at  
Scutari  
Ireland  
10th  
January  
1855



to have whatever number you require  
sent with as little delay as may be.  
Knowing your time to be so fully occupied  
I enclose an envelope with my address, so  
that when you can spare time to answer it  
that you may be as short a time  
delayed from your pressing duties as  
possible. I pray that the Lord  
may bless your labours amongst our  
suffering countrymen.

I am Madam

Faithfully yours

Abigail H. Shaw Taylor.



59, Harley Street,  
Cavendish Square.

23rd January 1855.

Madam,

My object in writing will I am sure be received by you as a sufficient excuse for the liberty I am taking.

A benevolent lady at Bath a short time since sent me One Hundred Pounds to lay out in Air Cushions, etc., for the benefit of the poor Soldiers at your Hospital at Scutari. I have selected such forms as I expect from my experience will prove most useful - they consist of 24 full sized Beds and 240 Cushions of various sizes and shapes capable I believe of resting any part of the body which may be wounded. To ensure your receiving a portion if not the whole, I have had them packed in three Cases in equal numbers and Captain Austin of Deptford Dockyard, has kindly undertaken to have them forwarded to you free of expense.

I have taken the liberty of directing the packages to you and my object in now writing is to acquaint you of my having done so feeling assured that your benevolent heart will excuse me for the trouble I am giving you.

I have the honour to remain, Madam,

Faithfully yours,

Henry Hancocks.

PS: Each Case contains

8 Beds,  
2 Bellows to inflate them  
12 Divided Cushions  
16 Circular Pillows  
8 Reeded Cushions  
18 Small Pillows  
8 Large Pillows  
8 Crescent Shape Pillows  
1 Air Splint for broken leg.

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St. Austrey St.  
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Christ Church, Mauldyfield.

9th December 1854.

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that in answer to an appeal which I made from my pulpit on last Sunday morning, I have been able with the help of my Sunday School girls, to collect for the use of the wounded soldiers at Scutari, between 300 and 400 lbs weight of old linen - very soft fine and clean - some of it is however in large pieces and stronger texture. It has been packed up in a Bale by Machinery at one of our Silk Manufactories - and you will be able to distinguish it by this, that the direction bears the motto<sup>of</sup> our Borough - "Nec virtus nec Copia desint".

This freely translated is a prayer for our brave troops that they may neither lack courage nor the supplies of war. The linen is made up in I think eight separate bundles compressed by machinery and containing each about 37 lbs weight of material.

There are also Books, Pamphlets, and newspapers in



the Bale.

I know you have something else to do than to answer letters and therefore I require no acknowledgement - for the consignments - but I wish to know whether you would like to have one of Soyers Soup Kitchens. Our Corporation has got one which is in capital order and of which they are never likely to make any further use. I have very little doubt that - if you expressed the wish to have it - they would feel a pride in sending it out to you.

Praying that God may bless your work of Christian benevolence,

I have the honour to be, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles O N Pratt,  
Minister of Christ Church,  
Maullyfield.

Miss Nightingale,  
Scutari.

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Christ Church Mansfield Dec<sup>r</sup> 9 1854.

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separate bundles - compressed by machinery  
and containing each about 3 1/2 lbs weight  
of material -

There are also Books  
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your most obedient

Wm. O. Pratt  
Minister of Church Church  
Macclesfield

Miss Nightingale  
Scutari



Stonew 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1854 -  
My dear Miss Nightingale -

I should  
not have hesitated to address  
you as a stranger upon the  
present occasion, feeling  
assured that the same  
benevolence which has led  
you to the East would  
induce you to welcome  
our Florence offerings to the  
benefits of our brave countrymen.

But I am confident you  
will no longer consider me  
a stranger, when I tell you  
that I am near Eliza  
D'Byl's house, the old



and esteemed friend of your  
Mother. Mrs. Nightingale.  
With this introduction I write  
at once acquainted you dear  
Miss Nightingale. That the  
Miss Wainwrights originated a  
little plan for sending a box  
of articles of clothing to  
Suturi, and that the result  
has been the filling of a box  
with caps, gloves, comforts &  
other warm clothing, which  
will be sent forward to you  
address, the beginning  
of next week. Accompanied  
by lists of the articles and  
contributors

It is the wish of the ladies who  
have united together for this  
object - that, a set of these  
articles of clothing so far as  
they will go, should be  
furnished to each consular agent  
wherever who is about to return  
to the Crimea. This is to be  
done by them to be the most  
reasonable manner of disposing  
of the little supply. - But I am  
desirous to say that they fully  
authorize you to make any  
other distribution which  
your local experience may  
lead you to believe as better



as better calculated to meet  
circumstances of which they  
can have no knowledge -  
You will be glad to hear  
that I have recent accounts  
from Lady D'Orby and that  
she was quite well.

Believe me

Dear Miss Nightingale

Most truly yours

A. Smith

Miss Sampson  
19<sup>th</sup> December



Parkfield Derby  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - 1854

Dear Madame

Three chests full  
of books, addressed to you  
left for town yesterday  
morning. I feel considerable  
hesitation in adding to the  
demands upon your  
time and strength, but  
as a letter in the Times  
Paper suggested that  
books would be very  
acceptable to our slave  
defenders who are from  
myriads of rooms to  
remain in compulsory in



activity I gathered from  
my friends all they are  
willing to devote to to another  
purpose. Being supplied  
from many sources  
a very miscellaneous  
collection flowed in, but  
as there will be a variety  
of readers I am willing  
to hope some thing will  
be found suitable to each  
individual taste. And  
much gratification will  
be felt by all who contribute  
to the idea that by this

5  
effort, the many  
forms of restlessness and  
pain should be at all  
lightened. - Showing that  
in your "Patience and  
Abnegation of self & devotion  
to others" by holding to the  
comforts & the riches of  
those over whom you  
watch, you will have  
pleasure in providing  
food for the mind.  
I ventured to an unknown  
though honouring country-  
woman to direct the



packages to your care.  
May He who clothes the  
grass of the field think  
I may is and tomorrow  
is cast into the ocean  
watch over you, guard  
you from ill, and if  
thousands fall at your  
side may you be preserved  
so that when your work  
is done is ended, (should  
the dear hope that day was  
at hand) you may be  
restored in safety to those  
to whom you are precious  
I remain Dear Madam  
with heartfelt respect  
Yours faithfully  
Eliza Sanders



18 Dec 1854—  
Grange Combe House  
Winchester

Madam,

I have forwarded  
this Government two  
Boxes, of Key Provision  
re for the use of the  
Scutari Hospital &  
have enclosed a  
List of the contents  
as directed by

the Duke of Newcastle  
Trusting that these  
things may be of  
use to & that you  
will Bless you for  
your efforts.

I have the honor  
to remain Madam

Yr Obedt Servant

J. Peck

To Miss Nightingale.

P.S. The Corps is intended  
to visit our Works & is therefore  
highly esteemed.



R. D. Ellyott  
Tailor &c  
165 & 166, High Street  
Southampton  
Opposite the Crown Hotel

December 4 1854

R. D. Ellyott has had much  
pleasure in interesting himself  
to collect a supply of Lint,  
Linen, Books and other comforts  
appealed for in the Columns of  
"the Times" as being Required by  
Miss Nightingale in the discharge  
of her duties at Scutari.

He enclosed a list of this first  
Collection of Packages dispatched  
by the "Metropolitan" Transport  
Steam Ship this day, which he  
has received from benevolent

Contributors, most of them  
resident in the immediate  
neighbourhood of Southampton  
and who in their several notes  
request him to express their  
warm approbation of her valuable  
services in alleviating the  
sufferings of their brave but  
unfortunate Countrymen  
Should there be any particular  
description of contributions now  
more urgently required, he  
hoped Mrs. N. will inform  
him of the same as the sympathy  
with her is so general that  
whatever is requested by her  
will be cheerfully and promptly

presented and shipped by him  
to Leghorn

one Large Hoghead  
one Cork Lark  
15 Packages various

Weight about 30 Cwt



Madam

In all the returns  
of the deaths in the hospital  
at Scutari I observe  
that almost all the deaths  
there are from diarrhoea or  
dysentery = I have for  
many years used a very  
simple remedy for those  
complaints - which I

have used in hundreds  
of cases and never knew  
it to fail in curing the  
patient = I have given it  
to men who had come out  
of hospital in a hopeless  
state & who were unable to  
turn in their bed from  
weakness or to swallow a  
drink = In such a case I  
have made their attendant  
put a little (a tea spoon)  
full

down their throat from time  
to time & it has been the means  
of their recovery = As long as  
life lasts I ~~do~~ not despair of  
this efficacy = I have given  
the recipe to physicians  
who have so approved of it  
as to adopt it = It is so  
simple that there could  
not be the least risk in  
trying it & I beseech of you  
Madam to have it fairly  
tried with some of our poor  
men who are suffering so severely



at present from those  
complaints—

I remain Madam


Faithfully yours  
Lucy Duffin

Mayhew Glebe  
C.ough  
Ca Down  
Ireland

23<sup>d</sup> Jan 1855

Madam.

Having been told  
by a medical friend, that  
small pillows would be  
very useful for our poor  
wounded soldiers - I sent a  
few days since to Mr O'Shea  
the Secretary of the Screw Steam  
Company 2 Bales, directed to  
you at the Bristol Hospital  
Kentish marked in the corner

 & 2. the first containing  
6 doz small pillows the 2<sup>d</sup> 4  
doz. besides a few pocket hand.



which he promised to send  
to be the Agent of the Co'st  
Company to forward to you  
by the Ship Express—  
They are the joint contributions  
of my own family, one or two  
of our neighbours, from the  
School meeting, & some of the  
girls of our village school  
& from the poor people in  
the village, who when they  
heard that we were making  
pillows, were most anxious  
to send their contributions. It  
is most gratifying to see the  
general feeling of interest &  
anxiety for our brave men.  
I hope they will reach you  
as long, & will be acceptable—

That your own health may  
be preserved, & that you will  
be supported thro all the  
trials, & difficulties of your  
arduous Mission is the  
sincere prayer, &c.

of dear Madam

Yours obliged  
Caroline Manly

Parkfield

Potters Bar

Barnet

Jan'y 20. 1855. —

NAME 211/2

COPY.

Broad Plain Soap Works

Bristol Decr 2 1854.

To Miss Nightingale,  
Hospital,  
Scutari,

Madam,

We have had much pleasure in preparing and forwarding to your address as above, a large package, containing 100 Packets of our Toilet Olive Soap for the use of the sick and wounded.

At the same time, permit us to express our unfeigned admiration of and respect for your exalted patriotism and noble-mindedness, in having devoted your talents and position to so laborious and self-denying a mission.

We have the honor to remain

Madam,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Servts.

THOMAS FRIPP & THOMAS.

P.S. Perhaps you would kindly allow one of your assistants to sign and return us the enclosed.



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Thomas. Giff & Thomas.

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RAMC 271/2

Thorp Arch Vicarage

Ladcaster

Yorkshire

29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1884

Dear Madam,

Without wishing to intrude upon your time or in any way to inconvenience you, I take the liberty of writing to say, I have sent by this day's Mail a packet containing Blankets, Sheets, Tents, socks, mitts &c for the use of the sick & wounded Soldiers in the Hospital at Scutari, and by Mr Gascoigne (of Parlington) direction have a do respect the Packet to you, should you be writing to Mr Gascoigne, or when Dr Smith writes if he would kindly say "the Thorp Arch Packet had arrived safely Mr Gascoigne would, I am sure,



be good enough to let me know,  
as we are only seven miles from Parkington,  
the packet is entirely got up by my own  
family and our poor cottagers, who  
have shown the greatest interest in  
the affair, knitting & sewing with  
the greatest pleasure, and it is for  
their sakes I take the liberty of  
writing, as it would be such a  
gratification to them to hear the  
Packet had arrived safely at  
Scutaria, inside our Packet is a  
list of the articles and my address,  
should those persons you employ  
to open the Parcels sent from England  
be instructed to take care of each  
list it would easily be known  
what packets arrived safely —  
I trust you will not deem me  
impertinent for thus intruding

on your time, but did you know  
the lively interest we take in  
the state of the Hospital, the anxiety  
we feel to contribute our little  
help towards supplying the awful  
wants of the poor sufferers,  
and our deep respect for yourself,  
you would pardon this intrusion,  
and may I be permitted, before I  
close my letter, to tell you, you  
have our most earnest prayers  
that God would bless & preserve  
you, with every sentiment  
of deep respect and esteem

allow me to subscribe myself

Yours obedient servant

Mrs Nightingale  
Military Hospital  
Scutaria

Corra Stuart-Mente



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allow me to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Cora Stuart-Ment ?

Miss Nightingale,  
Military Hospital,  
Scutari.



Hyde Dec 18<sup>th</sup>  
1854 -

Madame,

I enclose the  
List of the Contents of a  
Tramper. Sent this  
Morn to Mr M. V. Elliott  
of Southampton for  
transmission to you.  
It is directed

Mrp Mytchgate  
Military Hospital  
Scutari -

In acknowledgment  
is desired: & this letter  
is only sent, that  
I may know such

a hamper has been  
forwarded. The articles  
marked X ~~were~~ were  
made expressly for  
the anticipated attacks  
of cholera three  
years since - The  
Jersey Brandy is double  
strength -

Bottles

Madeira	—	
Brandy	—	9
Malmsey	—	1 Pint.
Port Dugold	—	2
X Gypse Brandy	—	2
Linnamun	—	1
X Curacao	—	2. 10 pints.
Raspbery Wine	—	1 Pint.
Cochat	—	4.
Jersey Brandy	—	1



Aughnagaddy Glebe

Jan. 19. 53.

My dear Miss Nightingale

I am anxious  
to hear how you are get-  
ting on and whether  
you got the London  
Illustrated Paper  
I sent you the  
other day I like  
you very much

for going to nurse will call to see you  
our brave soldiers he went with troops  
and my brother and to the Crimea  
sister George and The Russian  
Lizzie like you too sharpshooters fired  
Lizzie would have liked at him and the  
to have gone with you Major of the 62.  
but she thought she but they missed  
would not be of much them.  
use. I think my Will you write  
uncle Cap. Atkins a few lines to me



if you please and  
say how you are.

Direct to  
Master W. Atkins

Aughnagaddy  
Karnelton. Donegal  
Ireland

I remain  
your affectionate  
William Atkins  
P.S. I was 8 years old  
last August.



At the Bristol

Place Vendôme

Paris 29<sup>th</sup>  
Nov.

Madame

My

I take the liberty of  
writing a few lines to say that  
I received my Parker Penner  
& Fryman St. James St. to send  
Ten Pounds by your Parker  
Messrs. & to be placed by your  
agent - and I beg that you  
will dispose of this sum  
according to your own most  
excellent judgment - I do  
not for a moment doubt but  
that it will be well disposed  
of & I only wish



that the sum could have been  
better to the poor accepted -  
I wish to add that Sam  
more particularly interests in  
Scotch Patents having a  
son in the <sup>10</sup> Scots Greys  
Lieut George Buchanan -  
he has been already in  
the Hospital at Scutari  
having been taken ill  
when first his leg. embarked  
for Crimea - Thank God  
he recovered & has been  
to follow them & a merciful

Providence has hitherto pro-  
tectet him -

~~W. C.~~ Please this on Saturday  
for Marseilles & then to  
Nice - if you can kind  
favor me with 3 lines Poste  
Restante at Nice & acknowledge  
this I shall be grateful.  
Believe me dear yours  
Sincerely Edwin Stock  
write for W. C. Napper

Mrs. C. Napper  
Poste Restante  
Nice



P.S. of Lord Roden's Daughter  
is with you. She will know  
something of my family as I  
am Irish - my Mother was  
Sister to the Marquis of Thomond  
and her Brother married  
a piece of Lord Roelans's  
~~Sister~~<sup>to</sup> Duke of Devonshire -  
I mention this in case it  
maybe more satisfactory  
for you as I take the  
liberty of asking you a few  
minutes of your most valuable  
time —



1. Salisbury Road  
Edinburgh

3 Sept 1867

My dear Sir  
I lately saw Dr Rusk  
in the Ward, at the meeting  
of the Edingb. M. at  
Aberdeen. Sherriff  
Flegham told me yesterday  
that he may be here in  
the course of ~~ten~~ days.  
Whether he be or not,  
I expect to meet him at

Bristol, I think, about the  
20<sup>th</sup> to commence a series  
of meetings in the some  
of the chief towns of  
England on behalf of the  
Waldenian Missions. I  
hope in many meet with  
such success as attended  
a similar effort last  
year in Scotland. We  
formed a number of  
Auxiliary Societies,

Having between Two &  
Three Thousand Pounds

Yours truly  
Thomas Sutcliffe



30 Dorset St. 26<sup>th</sup> July -

My dear Mr. Gracebridge

I despair of having ever  
having time to answer your letter which  
interested us all greatly, I have therefore  
taken up my pen, tho' a most unworthy  
substitute for his, to thank you for writing  
& to tell you how interesting every thing  
is we hear from your quarter. The accounts  
from the Prison are most heart-rending  
many people would fain persuade us that  
these accounts of the Men's sufferings &  
privations are exaggerations of the Times  
correspondent, but the list of sick & the  
deaths from Dumbness & Dysentery speak  
for themselves & shew too plainly that  
the Men are over-worked & have neither  
proper food or sufficient clothing - it  
is said by many persons here that the



Some correspondence has some ground  
with Lord Raglan, & takes this way of  
rescuing himself - it is certainly dangerous  
to offend the Times, it is a powerful organ  
for good, or evil, but many letters were  
sent to the Times - the answer to which  
is - there are always generals, & the Times  
chooses these letters for publication - there are  
quite 2 parties here the behaviors & the Septics.  
I think the Government must have been al-  
blameable in not providing in time such  
measures as would not fail to be worked by  
an army out there, & the want of foresight  
in not providing good roads has been the  
cause of more than half the suffering -  
Leto & W. says men ought to have been sent  
there 2 months ago - the Provisors might have  
done all the laborious work, & many hundreds  
lives would have been saved both of men & horses.  
The account of deaths at Scutari are still being  
perused. I am sure it must be very depressing

to see so much suffering, but yet in the  
midst of all what a consolation to know  
that you have had the power of doing so  
much good! - what would have been the state  
of that Hospital but for you & Mr. W. A. C. C.  
& Miss Wrightington! it is pleasant to see that  
your devotion & self-sacrifice is appreciated  
here, & if any one does venture to make an  
attack upon the party he is immediately  
put down & made to feel his own weakness.  
I hope you get the Examiner promptly - I did  
not order it for you as ours was quite at your  
service & you would not get it the sooner for coming  
direct from the office - I send it off the first of the  
day (Monday) & only hope you get it. I wrote to Mr. B.  
some time since, & sent a message from Horace - I think  
it was about the insurance, but I cannot now report  
it to you. I hope you got it if it was of any importance.  
I took the notes you enclosed to Fallop, & got  
the ornaments - they are both very pretty. Many thanks  
very much for such a charming addition to  
our drawing room collection. It is too bad to  
ask you to write when you have so much to do  
on your travels, but everything about you is dear to



interesting to us & we are particularly anxious to  
know how you & Mrs. Gracebridge are & how  
you go thro' the fatigue & anxiety you must  
have - I can fancy Mrs. Gracebridge's practical  
knowledge & sound sense being invaluable out  
there, but you must have had many trials &  
much discomfort which God alone could give  
you strength to go thro' - you did not expect to find  
all smooth before you, but you went out in a holy  
cause, & that God may protect & guard you is the  
prayer of many here, for we feel how incalculable  
is the benefit conferred - I think you must have  
found the Times fund & immense benefit, & the  
great advantage seems to be that the application  
has not to go thro' the hands of half a dozen officials  
before anything can be done - this is one of the  
very evils of the present system - Horace has had  
some serious rebellion at Chambers with respect  
to the contract for the Bats - I hope there will be a  
strict enquiry. I think Macbuck will not shrink  
from this duty - we are all tolerably well at home  
Mr. Lloyd is better than last year, but has now a  
severe cold & feels goat flying about him, tho' he has  
had no settled attack - Mary is delicate & sick is  
much confined. Alice & the girls join me in kind  
love to Mrs. Gracebridge & believe me ever Mrs. Gracebridge  
yours very truly  
Caroline Lloyd



Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

St. Heliers Hill

My dear Madam, I am very sorry to hear  
that you are ill. I am taking of attending on  
your valuable time, when I inform you  
that I am the sister of the late Mr  
Macle, Surgeon & Assistant in the 88<sup>th</sup>  
Regt; who went to the hospital on  
the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov having arrived there a few  
days previously, after having undergone  
amputation of the left arm. My  
Brother in law Col. Bonden had a  
letter from Dr. O'Flaherty, merely stating  
the afflicting event, but without  
any more details.



any of those particulars which those  
Who loved him so dearly long to know.  
He has left an aged Mother, and  
Sisters to deplore the loss of the  
best of Sons, and Brothers without  
one word of farewell. nor do we  
know even if he had the comforts  
he required, or any one to attend  
him to relieve his last sigh.  
So you then Pious Men who have  
so nobly devoted yourself to  
assisting, and soothing the  
suffering in these fearful times  
I apply, entreating you as you feel  
for our deep affliction, to make

inquiries for us of our poor Mother  
last moments. Tell us all the truth  
however painful. I beseech you, for  
anything would be better than  
the fearful imaginings which  
now haunt us as we think of  
him now lost to us, sleeping  
alone, and neglected. Did you  
see him? & was he able to speak,  
and describe? Oh so you love the  
Cause of Humanity, pity and satisfy  
us as far as you can & God will  
bless you for it. I say now gracious I  
am to the point thus upon you  
but any wretched words will do.



that plead my excuse. It is so good  
as to address your letter to me to  
the care of Col Bridgen - ~~and~~  
with the Royal Engineers  
doubtless spending St Helier  
of which I am on Jersey.

With every wish that God will  
help and protect you in your  
arduous and laborious work  
I believe Mrs. Jane Bridges to  
get a number of friends to come

that I sincerely trust as our  
country Isabella. Francis told  
I need not say how anxiously we  
shall watch and pray for your reply.



City Assembly House  
William H. Chittenden  
December 25th

Dear Madam  
I trust you will  
forgive the liberty I take in  
addressing you but knowing  
that you are full of goodness  
and that you feel deeply  
for the sufferings of those  
with whom you are sur-  
rounded has given me courage  
to write these few lines

I received a letter from  
my Dear Brother not written  
by himself but by some  
friend friend under his  
dictation on the 24th of Nov.  
stating that he had been



very ill and in Southern  
Hospital with Quercia for  
15 Days and Reading in all  
the papers of your exceeding  
kindness to the afflicted  
I beg of you for the sake  
of my heart Broken Sister  
to see him and extend  
your charity to my only  
living Brother William  
Erwin of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regiment  
Granados No 35 17 he has  
one little boy without a  
mother or any friend but  
me in doing this you  
will have a blessing from  
the Almighty and I will  
be for ever bound to pray  
for you I trust by this

time the Lord has been  
pleased to restore him  
to his health and that we  
may meet once more  
I have answered his letter  
which he will receive by  
the same post that you  
will receive this I enclose  
an envelope hoping that you  
will be kind enough to write  
me an answer letting me know  
how he is If he is living be good  
enough to tell him you received  
this by doing this you will  
confer an ever lasting favour  
on Yours most Respectfully  
Mrs Mary Wilkins



Dear Madam /

I hope you will  
not deem me an in-  
truder or think I have  
taken a liberty by send-  
ing a small Box of odd  
and ends "addressed to you  
for ~~the~~ purpose you  
can apply the very limk  
words to, in your  
pencil & labours of love  
and Christian kindness -



Your noble conduct  
has inspired every  
heart with a desire  
to be up and be doing.

The Papers tell us that  
books - old Papers -

Amid every thing  
is of use - Hence it  
is, that if the box in  
question ever does  
come to hand, a very  
notley apartment  
will be found, but  
if you should think

such another collection  
would, from time to  
time be acceptable,  
and you would cause  
one line to be unfolded  
in the accompanying  
envelope, to tell me  
so, no time or oppor-  
tunity shall be lost,  
and thankful shall  
we be, to feel of the  
least use to you, and  
the dear brave fellows  
who surround you -



May God bless and  
protect you -

Believe me to  
remain an admiring  
friend

Yours truly -

Warrington

Plymouth -

4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> - 1854 .

West-Joker Rectory  
Grovil Somerset  
Wednesday 13 Dec: 54.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

I am Pleased  
by Margaret Guppy  
of this Parish to thank  
you for your great  
kindness in sending  
a letter respecting



her Son.

We presume that  
unless something ex-  
traordinary has occurred

Her Son John of  
H.M. 20th Regt  
is now no more?

If so may I ask as  
an additional favour  
of you to be so good

as to send me  
word as to the Cause  
of his death - whether  
he had been in any  
action in the service  
and where he was  
buried.

Allow me to  
say I pray God to  
bless you much

for denying yourself  
to go <sup>at</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>visit</sup> the sick  
"wounded" & this

dreadful war -  
& that your Ministrations  
may be in no wise in  
vain.

I beg to remain

Res Sir

Your faithful &  
obedient Servant

Charles Penny

The



30 Oylbey Street  
Bristol  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1898

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Honored Madam

Humbly hoping that  
you will pardon my  
intrusion on your  
precious time My  
Dear Husband wrote  
to me from St. Anne  
Hospital on Decr 26<sup>th</sup>  
Since then I have  
seen and a private  
communication from  
him Subsequent

that he died at  
Salem, but when  
or how was not  
stated. I have not  
as yet seen any  
public intimation  
of it his name is  
William Morris Davis  
Regt Horse, Artillery  
Capt. Maude's Troop  
the only apology  
I can offer in  
asking information  
concerning him  
is the broken  
heart of an

affectionate wife  
& may the Almighty  
God bless & preserve  
in your work of faith  
& labours of love  
is the constant  
prayer of your  
abedient humble  
servant

Eliza Morris



Friday

Athens 21 March 1868

My dear Bracebridge

I write you rather to congratulate you on your return to England and the improvement of Mrs Bracebridge's health, which we all learned with much pleasure from your last letter, than because I have anything to communicate from this that can particularly interest you. You know my opinions on the politics & policy of the Greeks from The Times & the Saturday Review. Everything confirms me in the opinion that the part the Greek Kingdom has taken in the Cretan insurrection was illjudged & will prove injurious to the prosperity of the island and to the influence of the Greeks as a nation on the results of an opening of the eastern question at present. I admit in the fullest manner the right of the Cretan Christians to take up arms against the Ottoman government



salut

but the case is complicated by the existence of nearly 70,000 greek mussulmans in the island who cannot speak a word of anything but greek and who cannot be put out of the way now a days as the 60,000 native mussulmans were in Greece at the outbreak of the revolution. I believe that the greek government by guarding a neutrality of a very favourable kind to the insurgents, might, if it had not directly & openly taken part in the war, have used its influence with the powers who favoured Cretan semi-independence, to obtain the pacification of the island on terms that would have saved it from the ruin that is devastating it, and ensured annexation as soon as Greece can organize a just & progressive govt even of no very high merit. As it is, the war has lowered the prestige of the greeks by showing the christians in the east that they have learned nothing in the art of war. Some people call

the hostilities that are now going on in Crete a guerilla warfare, but this is a misnomer, warfare can only be carried on when the chiefs of bands can enforce obedience, execute movements and arrange supplies. Nothing of this kind is the case. The chiefs can make no fixed arrangements - their followers come & go when they think fit - no supplies of provisions are collected & transported, and for months more men with arms have been living by extorting provisions from the villages than have fired a single shot at the Turks. Thus it is that hellenism is becoming unpopular among the christians in Turkey and Russia is every day gaining ground as the only real power that <sup>can both</sup> overthrow Turkey and maintain order after the overthrow. I think however, that Russian agents, if not the Russian govt, have acted very selfishly & hardly to their friends the greeks. In July & August last year, an arrangement might have been effected had the insurrection not received direct en-



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arrangement by Russian authorities, and the  
greek government was pushed on to persist  
in hostilities that would have produced war  
had Turkey dared to act ag<sup>t</sup> the advice of  
France & England. The greeks are now  
so deeply involved & so ignorant of the  
altered state of the international system of  
Europe that they will not listen to reason.  
It is said that negotiations are going on at  
C<sup>pl</sup>e and you will know their result in  
England sooner than we shall in Greece.

I had a letter by the post on Thursday from  
Skinner who was at Washington & he writes me  
that he expects to return to Crete in May with  
the means of establishing a field hospital  
in Crete. I suppose that there will not be  
much fighting during the summer but the  
hospital will not be the less wanted in  
Crete & will do much good.

Here, even the Cretans are at this moment  
excite less attention than usual, for party passions  
are roused by the coming elections.

Mr Hill appears to have persuaded  
you



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that his necessities were caused by  
loss on remittances during the civil war,  
but if a court of enquiry be established  
I fear many cases of dishonesty will  
be found to date before the commence-  
ment of the civil war. I suspect that  
his conduct has been brought so pointedly  
before the British mission that it must  
be reported home and his dismissal  
from the chaplainship must follow.  
The Greeks admire his peculiar talent  
greatly, but the British government is  
disgraced by having such a chaplain.  
I hear every day fresh accounts of conduct  
that is dishonest & approaches fraud  
it is not legally fraudulent, but  
I have never listened to any details ex-  
cept in the case of Gaspari which, though  
he is my lawyer, I was not informed until  
it became known to many. I hope he will  
be replaced by some young scholar of  
merit from one of our universities who  
will restore the character of England.



the Church of England for truth  
honour & honesty. The chaplainship might  
be held by each university in turn for  
three years. I speak only as a spectator,  
as I am a presbyterian & by no means  
inclined to advance in the direction of  
your established church.

I am happy to say, that if my inquiries  
are correct, Mrs Hill is well off during  
Mr Hill's absence. She receives 600 drs monthly,  
I am told, as rent & good will for the house &  
school besides lodging, from M<sup>me</sup> Christomanos.

Mrs Finlay sends her kind regards and  
joins me in congratulations to Mrs Bracebridge  
& warmest wishes for her continued good health

Yours sincerely

George Finlay



Eastwick  
Soldier

Stapton  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
1855

Madam

I beg to inform you that  
a box containing  
few Bibles & books -  
day & night Shirts & old  
linen & Bandages &c  
for the sick & wounded  
addressed to you has  
been forwarded for me  
by the Messrs Harris of



Glasgow free of charge. undertaking  
for Melite to the care  
of Messrs C. & D Grace  
their Agents in Constantinople  
with orders to be transmitted  
to you at Soutari.

Hoping that this small  
donation may be of use  
to a few sufferers.

With the warmest desire  
that good luck & prospering  
may follow y<sup>r</sup>. truly  
Christian & benevolent

undertaking

Remain

Y<sup>r</sup>. obedient servant

Mary Finlay

Ship highling at  
Soutari



Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Madam.

Although personally unknown to you, I take a deep interest in the Christian Mission to which you have so nobly devoted yourself. I have to day sent to Messrs Cuthbert & Co. Peter poster Brown & Green Shirts 2 prs do of Sheets 3 lbs of Lint & some old linen for the use of the Hospital at Scutari. I regret that my contribution is so small, but the present mode of trans.



it is closed for a time most beneficial - will you  
after the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month kindly say too, whether at  
I have enclosed 5/ worth the Hospital, or in the  
of Queen's heads, and <sup>and</sup> Crimea shirts are most  
have sent more, had I needed as I shall con-  
tinue to make some,  
known whether they <sup>are</sup> available at Scutari and we are here very  
or not. I shall esteem much in the dark, as to  
it a favor if you will where these are most need-  
write to acknowledge the ed. with earnest prayers  
receipt of what I now & good wishes for the  
send, and will then either temporal & spiritual  
forward you a nice quantity of our brave fel-  
lows of queen's heads or low countrymen I remain  
whatsoever else may be  
Yours sincerely  
Harriette Shindley

My address

Miss Simonds

Swinton House

Goston

Lincolnshire



Winwick Hall +  
Warrington  
January 16. 1855.

Mrs James Horaby takes the  
liberty of sending to Miss Anne  
Nightingale 100 copies of a  
simple "Companion for a Sick  
bed," which she hopes may be  
found of some comfort to the  
Dear soldiers whose sufferings  
are occupying so much of the  
thoughts and prayers of the

English people, who cannot  
sufficiently express their gratitude  
and admiration for them - though  
few can prove these feelings  
by devoted self sacrifice such  
as Miss Nightingale and her  
companions are showing - Into  
their bosoms blessing will be  
returned a hundredfold by the  
Master whom they save -  
The parcel is forwarded by the  
Ship "Istanbul", addressed

Miss Nightingale - Scutari -  
and was to leave London  
yesterday - Mr. Houlby  
hopes it will arrive safely, &  
without delay -



answered

2 Eaton Place  
London



Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Madam

W<sup>m</sup>

Instead of old linen of which I know  
you will now have an abundance,  
I send you two large packages marked  
S containing about 114 small pillows  
for placing under the limbs of the  
wounded men - 100 Cloth Capes with  
sleeves, intended for their use in bed,  
the sleeves being so attached, as to  
enable them to be easily taken on &  
off - Several dozen Cloth Caps, to keep  
the head & ears warm, and about  
23 dozen of Woollen Socks, which

can be easily placed in the boots of  
the convalescent -

Mr Sidney Herbert has kindly under-  
taken to send them off on Monday  
the 4<sup>th</sup> - both <sup>packages</sup> being directed to you.

If you find these articles calculated  
to assist your generous views in relieving  
our brave Soldiers, it would be very  
gratifying to several of my friends  
who have heartily assisted me  
during the past week in getting

these things ready, if you can even  
spare time for one line on the  
subject -

You have the best wishes of all at  
home that health may be granted  
you to continue your good work, &  
with much esteem I remain

Yours &c  
Sophia L Sampson



December 7th 1854

Dear Madam,

Although personally unknown to you, I take a deep interest in the Christian Mission to which you have so nobly devoted yourself. I have today sent to Messrs Cuthbert & Co, Pater Noster Row, 6 new shirts, 2 pairs of sheets, 3lbs of Lint, and some old linen for the use of the Hospital at Scutari.

I regret that my contribution is so small, but the present mode of transition is closed for a time after the 9th of this month. I have enclosed 5/- worth of Queen's heads and we'd *stamps!* have sent more had I known whether they were available at Scutari or not. I shall esteem it a favour if you will write to acknowledge the receipt of what I now send, and will then either forward you a nice quantity of queen's heads or whatever else may be most beneficial - will you kindly say too, whether at the Hospital, or in the Crimea, shirts are most needed as I shall continue to make some and we are here very much in the dark, as to where these are



most needed. With earnest prayers and good wishes for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our brave fellow countrymen,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Harriette Simmels.

My address:

Miss Simmels,  
Kirton House,  
Boston,  
Lincolnshire.

Winwick Hall,  
Warrington.

January 10 1855.

Miss Janice Horaby takes the liberty of sending to Miss Florence Nightingale 100 copies of a simple "Companion for a Sickbed," which she hopes may be found of some comfort to the dear soldiers whose sufferings are occupying so much of the thoughts and prayers of the English people, who cannot sufficiently express their gratitude and admiration for them - though <sup>few</sup> can prove these feelings by devoted self sacrifice such as Miss Nightingale and her companions are shewing - into their bosoms blessing will be returned a hundredfold by the master whom they serve - The parcel is forwarded by the Ship "Istemboul", addressed to Miss Nightingale - Scutari - and was to leave London yesterday - Miss Horaby hopes it will arrive safely, and without delay.

2, Eaton Place,  
London.

November 3rd.

Dear Madam,

Instead of old Linen of which I know you will now have in abundance, I send you two large packages marked containing about 114 small pillows for placing under the limbs of the wounded men, 108 Cloth Capes with sleeves, intended for their use in bed, the sleeves being so attached, as to enable them to be



readily taken on and off - several dozen Cloth Caps, to keep the head and ears warm, and about 23 dozen of Woollen Soles, which can be easily placed in the boots of the convalescent -

Mrs Sidney Herbert has kindly undertaken to send them off on Monday the 4th - both packages being directed to you.

If you find there articles calculated to assist your generous views in relieving our brave Soldiers, it would be very gratifying to several of my friends who have heartily assisted me during the past week in getting these things ready, if you can even spare time for one line on the subject.

You have the best wishes of all at home that health may be granted you to continue your good work, so with much esteem

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Sophia I Sampson.

bottles of brandy —	4
Counterspanes — — — —	3
Slippers — — — —	130 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Suits — — — —	78
Stockings — — — —	34 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Cups — — — —	76
Sheets — — — —	32 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Bests — — — —	13
Cuffs — — — —	30 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Table cloths — — — —	20
Harves — — — —	14 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Winter jackets — — — —	2
Peetcoats — — — —	2
Jackets — — — —	3 <sup>lbs</sup> :
Pillowcases — — — —	11
Comfortables — — — —	17
Wicker stand b <sup>d</sup> — — — —	24
Flannel gowns — — — —	2
Cover for feet — — — —	1
Packets of linen — — — —	16
Packets of Calico — — — —	5



Candee - Ipswich - December 14<sup>th</sup> -

Channel Islands. -

1854

My dear Madam

I trust, - tho' I am unknown  
to you, - that you will pardon the  
liberty I take, in troubling you, with  
this letter, but I do not intend to tres-  
-pass on your valuable time; -

My only wish is, to know, what may  
be the necessary comforts, most required  
by our poor Countrymen, now lying  
sick & wounded in the Hospital  
at Sebastia. - My Daughters  
have been busying themselves, of late,  
in collecting money among their  
friends, - & the Inhabitants of the



of the Island of Guernsey. —

They are very desirous of laying this sum out in a way, which may be deemed by you, most urgent, for the present occasion. —

Lint. — was their first thought, — but it appears, — that there is not now, so great a demand for it, as formerly; — since we are assisted by Government, so much Lint, & since, have already been forwarded for the use of the Hospitals at Scutari. —

If you could kindly spare me a few moments, to let me know

Your wishes on this point, we will without delay send out, our contributions, directed to yourself, — with heart-felt gratitude to you, My dear Madam, for the glorious Work, you have so nobly undertaken, out of love, & pity towards our brave and heroic Countrymen. —

I remain, My dear Madam,  
Yours very faithfully,  
Emily Stacey. —

To / Miss Nightingale  
Scutari Hospital.



Mr Carey begs me to say, that  
he has taken the liberty of  
sending you a newspaper or two  
which he thinks may be of <sup>some</sup> service  
to the sick in the Hospital. —

My address is,

Mrs P. Stafford Carey. —  
Lancie. —  
Guernsey. —

My dear Madam,

Candie, Guernsey.  
December 17th 1854.

I trust, - though I am unknown to you, - that you will pardon the liberty I take, in troubling you, with this letter, but I do not intend to trespass on your valuable time; -

My only wish is to know what may be the ~~most~~ necessary comforts, most required by our poor countrymen, now lying sick and wounded in the Hospital at Scutari. - My Daughters have been busying themselves, of late, in collecting money among their friends - and the Inhabitants of the Island of Guernsey. -

They are very desirous of laying this sum out in a way, which may be decreed by you, most urgent, for the present occasion. -

Lint; - was their first thought, - but it appears, that there is not now, so great a demand for it, as formerly; - since we are assured by Government, so much, is, have already been forwarded for the use of the hospitals at Scutari. -



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I remain, my dear Madam,

Yours very faithfully,

To Miss Nightingale,  
Scutari Hospital.

Emily A Carey.

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Mr Carey begs me today that he has taken the liberty of sending you a newspaper or two which he thinks may be of to the sick in the Hospital.

My address is:

Mrs P Stafford Carey,  
Candie - Guernsey,  
Channel Islands.

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Dear Miss Nightingale,

Four boxes and one bale are forwarded to your address per "Army & Navy" which leaves Deptford on Dec 4th for Scutari. They contain old linen, bandages, cordials, soap, etc., and are sent by Lady Mildred Beresford Hope, Lady Salisbury, Lady Alderson, Mrs Noel Hoare and others.

I am yours with much hoping,

9, Park Crescent - Dec 2nd 1854

Georgina Alderson.



Dear Miss Nightingale

Four boxes & one  
bale are forwarded  
to your address per  
"Army & Navy" which  
leaves Deptford on  
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cordials, soap &c &c  
& are sent by lady  
Mildred Bensford Hope  
Lady Salisbury, Lady Alders-  
on, Mrs Noel Hoare & others.

I am  
Yours with much affection  
Georgina Alderson  
9 Park Crescent Dec 2<sup>d</sup> 1854



Malta 20. Jan'y 1855

To  
The Chief Medical Officer  
Hospital, Scutari  
Sir

On the 10. inst. we  
sent of Str. "Queen" 2 bbls. of our best old Marsala  
Wine for the use of the sick soldiers at Scutari,  
which we took the liberty of addressing to you, &  
at the same time advising you of this, & requesting  
you to distribute the wine amongst the sick soldiers  
in such manner as you might think best suited  
to carry out our wishes. We have since  
thought that it might possibly be inconvenient by  
fully engaged as your time must necessarily be, to  
attend to this matter; if this be the case, & as we  
have received instructions from Miss Lightingle to  
send her some of our wine, we should feel very  
much obliged by your handing the two casks of  
wine sent of "Queen" over to that lady as a contribution  
from us for the use of the sick. Trusting you  
will excuse our thus troubling you. We are Sir

Your mo. obt. Sth. Servt.

John Woodhouse Esq

A. W. Newbn



COPY.

Thorp Arch Vicarage  
Tadcaster,  
Yorkshire.

29th Decr 1854.

Dear Madam

Without wishing to intrude upon your time or in any way inconvenience you, I take the liberty of writing to say, I have sent by this day's Rail a packet containing Blankets, Sheets, Vests, socks mitts, etc for the use of the sick and wounded Soldiers in the Hospital at Scutari, and by Mrs. Gascoigne's (of Parlington) direction have addressed the Packet to you, should you be writing to Mrs. Gascoigne, or when Dr. Smith writes if he would kindly say " the Thorp Arch Packet had arrived safely" Mrs. Gascoigne would, I am sure, be good enough to let me know, as we are only seven miles from Parlington, the packet is entirely got up by my family and our poor cottagers, who have shewn the greatest interest in the affair, knitting and sewing with the greatest pleasure, and it is for their sakes I take the liberty of writing, as it would be such a gratification to them to learn the Packet had arrived safely at Scutari, inside our Packet is a list of the articles and my address, should those persons you employ to open the Parcels sent from England be instructed to take care of each list it would easily be known what packets arrived safely -

I trust you will not deem me impertinent for thus intruding on your time, but did you know the lively interest we take in the state of the Hospital, the anxiety we feel to contribute our little help towards supplying the woeful wants of the poor sufferers and our deep respect for yourself, you would pardon this intrusion, and may I be permitted, before I close my letter to tell you, you have our most earnest prayers that God would bless and preserve you, with every sentiment of deep respect and esteem

allow me to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant

(SGD.) Cora Stuart - Menteath

Miss Nightingale  
Military Hospital  
Scutari.



Letter to Miss Nightingale from Mrs. Mary Pruen.

COPY.

Dear Madam

When the boxes (which I hope you will have received through Col Kingscote) were made up, we found that the work might be continued if in so doing we are useful to you. I am not sure whether we may not be officious in offering in our poor way what is much-better, more judiciously supplied, yet I do not think it well to check any selfdenying efforts which the poor children or others are glad to make. It would be cheering to yourself, the poor sufferers around you could you see the general feeling for them, know the willingness of their country men, country women to do any thing if they were enabled for their comfort, relief, this feeling is shewn too so much amongst the poor, who eagerly offer the labor of their hands, where they have nothing else to give.

Should you be already troubled with such applications as this, I beg you to forget I have made it, I only venture so to do, from the wish of acting under directions.

If on the contrary you think we might be useful, perhaps any one who is able would kindly write a few lines, which it will indeed be a great pleasure to us to receive.

With our united wishes, prayers at this, every season, that God's Blessing may be on you, on your work

I am Madam

With much respect

Yours

(SGD.) Mary Pruen

Wife of Rev: Hy Pruen  
St. James'  
Cheltenham.

Dec 20th.



Letter to Florence Nightingale from Catherine Pasey.

copy.

70 Montpellier Road,  
Brighton

Decb<sup>r</sup> 13th

My dear Madam

I cannot sufficiently thank you for your kindness in writing to inform us of the safe arrival of the package we sent by the "Queen of the South". It was such a satisfaction to be able to speak of that letter to all those who had assisted us in sending it - and it was an answer to the reports which are sometimes circulated of your being overstocked with linen, etc.

Our friends have again united to send out what we hope will prove useful 100 y<sup>ds</sup> of Welsh flannel with some warm woollen Shirts and Old linen etc - perhaps I ought to mention that Lady Grace Gore to whom we are indebted for the hosiery requested us to send also a small parcel of tracts, we could not refuse although we do not know whether they are likely to be acceptable.

These things with an hamper of Porter and  $\frac{1}{4}$  chest of tea were sent to Southampton on Monday in the hope they will be speedily forwarded to Scutari.

We have since received more flannel and more calico so that if you can find leisure to tell us what else would be desirable to add to these articles we shall hope to be able to send them to you in Jan<sup>ry</sup>.

Great is the sympathy felt by all classes for the sufferers in the East and for those who are ministering to them.

I enclose a prayer written by the Bp: of Salisbury, very widely circulated and used in many families as it may be interesting to you to see how they are remembered.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

(SGD.) Catherine Pasey.



COPY.

Easterhill

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Glasgow

Janry 18th 1855.

Madam

I beg to inform you that a box containing a few Bibles and books - Day and Night Shirts old linen and Bandages, etc for the Sick and wounded addressed to you - has been forwarded for me by the Messrs Burns of Glasgow free of charge per Melita to the care of Messrs C & D Grace their Agents in Constantinople with orders to be transmitted to you at Scutari.

Hoping that this small donation may be of use to a few Sufferers -

With the earnest desire that God's best blessing may follow y(our) truly Christian and benevolent undertaking

I remain

Y<sup>r</sup> Obedient Servant

(SGD.) Mary Findlay

Miss Nightingale,  
Scutari.



Letter from Anne King to Florence Nightingale.

COPY.

Dear Madam,

I hope you will not deem me an intruder or think I have taken a liberty by sending a small Box of "odds and ends" addressed to you for any purpose you can apply the very limited contents to, in your present labour of love and Christian kindness.

Your noble conduct has inspired every hearth with a desire to be up and doing.

The Papers tell us that books - old Papers - Linen everything is of use - hence it is, that if the box in mention ever does come to hand, a very motley assortment will be found, but if you should think such another collection would, from time to time be acceptable, and you would cause one line to be enclosed in the accompanying envelope, to tell me so, no time or opportunity shall be lost, and thankful shall we be to feel of the least use to you, and the dear brave fellows who surround you.

May God bless and protect you.

Believe me to remain an admiring friend

(SGD.) Anne King.

Burrington  
Plymouth.

4th Dec<sup>br</sup> 1854.



Havsocks Priory,  
Worksop, Notts.

24th January.

Mrs Chambers has the pleasure of sending  
Miss Nightingale a second box of comforts  
for her Invalids and hopes that the box of  
Soap especially will be found excellent -

The Smelling bottles are intended for those  
Nurses who are not provided with them and  
the camphor to replenish them with - this  
box left Liverpool yesterday in the  
Steamer ~~Teneriffe~~ for Constantinople -

CONTENTS OF BOX NO.2.

20 Shirts.  
30 P. ~~Handkerchiefs~~ Handkerchiefs.  
2 Pairs Flannel Drawers.  
Some House wines.  
Some writing paper.  
12 Camphor bottles.  
1 Ham - 1 Cheese.  
36 pots of Jam and Jelly.  
1 Bottle Raspberry Vinegar.  
3 packets of cocoa.  
1 Bottle of Ginger.  
1 Box of wax matches.  
1 Box of Soap.

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Distressed Needlewomen's Home,  
15, Carburton Street,  
Fitzroy Square.

January 10, 1855.

Madam,

I have the pleasure of informing you that  
by direction of the Committee of this Institution I  
have forwarded to you 3 Parcels -

One containing 50 Small Pillows, -  
another containing 20 Shirts and Flannel 20  
100 Flannel Neckties.  
1 Parcel of Flannel for the  
1 " of old Linen.  
8 prs of Drawers.  
20 Flannel Belts.  
2 Prs of Sist Boots.  
3 Table Cloths.  
8 Pocket Handkerchiefs.  
3 Prs Lambs Wool Stocking.  
1 Pr Gloves.  
26 Newspapers (The ) and their containings.  
60 Sheets.  
12 Prs of  
8 lbs of Lint.  
19 Prs of Stockings.  
8 Comforters.  
1 Pr of Drawers.  
2 Guernsey frocks.  
4 Nightcaps.  
2 Parcels of old Linen.  
1 Parcel of Books.

And the Committee desire me to express to you  
the great pleasure they feel in being able to forward to  
you the same, and then assist you in your praiseworthy  
double undertaking.

Praying that every blessing may attend your  
wish and labour of love.

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Yours very faithfully,

Miss Nightingale.

CHAL. GEARY. Secretary.



January 10th, 1855.

My dear Miss Nightingale,

With the kind assistance of my good friend Mrs Nickel and two or three friends here we have collected a few articles which we thought might be of service to your poor sick men. Two bales are to be put on board the Rajah today at Southampton and I trust our mite will reach you safely I should have collected earlier and much more had it not been for a friend of mine who told me that a very large quantity of excellent Linen which she had with a good deal of trouble got together had been returned to her with a message that it was not wanted, quite sufficient having been already sent, recent accounts however made us think that it might not be unacceptable and we have hastily put together the few things we have had time to knit and collect. I cannot tell you what my feelings were when I heard of your noble sacrifice my admiration and love for you were if possible increased tenfold and I quite grieved that I was not able to offer to be one of your nurses but you have friends with you who will watch over and take care of you better than I could have done, such to me who owe you so much is assigned only the consolation of being to pray for you, and most earnestly and sincerely do I in common with the many thousands whose hearts are with you in your great work of charity pray that God will preserve and keep you to be yet a blessing and a comfort to thousands more I could scarcely ask you to be so good as to write to me did I not know the largeness of your heart but knowing you as I have had the happiness of doing I think I may venture to ask for a few lines at your leisure just to say how you are doing and whenever you receive our parcels. A kind note from Miss and that Mrs Clark is with you will you be so good as to tell her that I have sent a small patch work cushion and am making another for , I know you will be glad to hear that I am very tolerant with no exception of a burning sensation under the of any left side and two small lumps under my appetite is very good and spirits excellent so I ought not to utter a complaint that I was able to do

Cont'd.

a little is a sufficient  
blessing I fear you will laugh when you see what  
I say about taking care of you but I meant that it  
would have made so happy to have saved you  
trouble or in any way to have your tack which  
I will know is a most arduous one Mr Bracebridge will  
I have no doubt keep you from over lacking your  
strength I have a very grateful of Mrs Bracebridge's  
kind attention to me.

Accept dear Miss Nightingale the sincere  
love of your grateful

LOVEDAY GOODRIDGE.

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Dear Madam,

Tho' a stranger to you, I feel that I cannot address you in any other way than the above, and believe you will excuse it. I will not however unnecessarily take up your time.

From a remark contained in the letter of some clergyman writing from Scutari saying how useful hymns or texts of Scripture upon cards were to the Soldiers, the idea struck me that a few striking words of Scripture painted large, might be a comfort and help to some of your poor wounded charges in the Hospital. Others to whose opinion I looked with much respect, thought the same, and I have therefore ventured to employ myself of late (and very happily too) in painting some texts, hoping that you would approve of them, and allow them to be placed upon the walls of the Hospital. It has seemed to me, that in the much occasional distraction caused by the mere bodily care of the sick, as well as in the weakening and wearing that so often the mind for thought, a few words, bright, by being ~~when~~ presented to the eye, sink down as it were by God's great Mercy even into the work, and there abide.

I am thankful even to hope that to help and comfort any, and whether or not you may think it well to use the texts I am sending out, I can only say, that the mere doing them has gladdened me. I very earnestly trust that your labour of love may be deeply blest to yourself, and to many, and with hearty good wishes for your true prosperity.

I remain dear Madam

Yrs very respectfully,

SARAH WATKINS.

I am hoping to send the texts in about 10 days! time and hope you may like them.

Wantage

January 15th, 1855.

Heights of Sabastiful.

27th January 1855.

Miss Nightingale,

I beg most respectfully to inform you that a parcel has been forwarded from Dublin to Scutari Hospital for me. It has been sent by Mrs Ruth and Mrs White and my wife's name Ellen Foster. The donors has informed me in the letter which I received that the said parcel would be forwarded to me by you. Should you be pleased to send it immediately you will much oblige

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES FOSTER.

N.B. My address is James Foster,  
Sergt. 21 Regiment,,  
British Army in the Crimea.

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Shalfont House, Guildford, Surrey.

January 14/55.

Dear Madam,

So many packages having been mis-sent or lost in their transmission from England to the East I am induced to trouble you with a few lines to say that I have forwarded to your agents Mfrs Howell & Hayter, a box containing the contributions of several friends (a list of which I will enclose) which I shall feel very much obliged if you will distribute to those to whom you may think they will be most useful and if it is not troubling you too much I would ask for a line to acknowledge their receipt or if Miss Erskine should be writing to her family perhaps she would kindly mention the arrival of the box and thus save you the trouble I have the pleasure of knowing her sister and some friends who live near Lady Erskine in Wales would ~~give~~ give me the desired information - I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in thus addressing you I fear you may think the contents of the box scarcely worthy of so much trouble but I am anxious to know that they have come safe to hand. I have waited afterwards of a week in hopes of hearing by what Steamer my box has been sent, but not having done so I send my letter off at once. With every good wish and sincere prayers for God's blessing in your exertions believe me dear Madam.

Yours sincerely,

SOPHIA R. TAYLOR.

*R. Helmer*

List of articles sent to Scutari.

- 24 Helmet caps.
- 4 Cold night caps
- 2 Cricket caps.
- 1 Glengarry cap.
- 8 pillows.
- 1 pr Knee caps.
- 2 pr Cork Soles.
- 1 pr Felt ditto.
- 7 Flannel bands.
- 4 prs Woolen Socks.
- 1 pr Large Stockings.
- 3 Woolen Comforters.
- 14 Cold cotton pocket handfs.
- 6 Washleather breastplates.
- 3 Cotton ditto.
- 6 pr Muffaters.
- 5 pr ditto.
- 4 prs Felt gauntlets.
- 4 prs Wool ditto.
- 1 Polka jacket.
- 1 Red Flannel Jersey.
- 2 Wool ditto.
- 1 pr Bandage covers.
- 1 Knitted invalid vest.
- 1 Bundle Linen.
- 1 Box Soap & Stationary.
- 1 Small tin of Cornflour.
- Railway Library & other books.



December 7th, 1854.

My dear Madam,

I have forwarded today from Exeter thro' Messrs Cuthbert a very large Bale directed to at Scutari, contributed by friends in Exeter and the neighbourhood and as it contains a very valuable quantity of fine, old linen and Damask table Linen besides a large number of Sheets and Shirts, all sorts of Bandages, a large supply of Lint, I think it right to apprize you of its being sent, and also to enclose a list of the several packages in the Bale, all of which I have myself sorted, and have had sewn up in separate parcels, which are ticketed and numbered. There is no mixture of Calico in the Bale, except in the Shirts and bandages. Amongst the large number of packages that will be sent out to you, it would be difficult quick any particular one, I have therefore had printed in large letter 'from Exeter', on the Bale and I trust it will not only reach you in safety, but be means of adding to the comfort of the sick and wounded whom you are kindly nursing.

If any one in the Hospital could find time to send me a few lines when the Bale has reached its destination, it would be a great satisfaction to me to be able to inform the kind friends around me of its having done so.

I am dear Madam with much esteem, and earnest wishes for your in the great work you have undertaken.

Yours very faithfully,

CECILIA D. TURNER.

My address is.

Mrs Charles Turner,  
Cathedral Yard,  
EXETER.

Cont'd.



List of Packages contained in Bale.

1. Linen Sheets and Pillow cases.
2. Old Shirts, all mended ready to wear.
3. Bandages of all kinds & lengths.
4. Towels.
5. Pieces of Fine Linen all sorted.
6. Do. Do.
7. Pads of all sizes & a Knitted bed rest.
8. Lint.
9. Bandages of 5 yards length.
10. Pieces of Fine Linen, all sorted.
11. Coarsed pieces of Linen.
12. Pieces of Fine Linen, all sorted.
13. Linen Sheets & Pillow Cases, not so large a package as No.1.
14. Very Fine ~~Lin~~ Pieces of Linen, sorted.
15. A large Package of fine Damask Linen.
16. Woolen, Knitted cuffs, mits, comforts, gloves.
17. Tail, and other bandages, pads etc.
18. Odd pieces, all linen.

There are also some Books, Trade Newspapers, writing paper and a warm great Coat.

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Dear Madam,

I have taken the liberty of requesting my publisher to enclose a few books in a box of lint and now about to be sent to Scutari. It struck me that they possibly might serve to write away some tedious moments when the poor suffers at the Hospital cannot

I would not trouble you with them but that knowing the feeling~~x~~ which is prevalent respecting books of the class I feared that they might fall into the hands of some persons who would consider them objectionable.

In this            also I requested my publisher to write your name in them.

If they should not be of use they will be at your disposal for any other purpose - if the contrary I shall be very thankful ~~taxhaxr~~ I have been permitted even in so slight a way to testify my sympathy with the work you have undertaken and which has my earnest prayers for its support.

I could at any time send more copies of the books if they can be useful.

I do not of course ask for any acknowledgement of the receipt of the books - your time is much too fully occupied to allow if any        extra work - but if you should again be writing to Mr Bowman who is a friend of ours and would merely say that they had reached you I should feel satisfied that they had not been mislaid - but even this is a matter of no consequence.

Pray believe me dear Madam with        respects

ELIZABETH R SEWELL.

Isle of Wight.  
December 9th 1854.

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Galata. 14 December 1854.

Madam,

I now send over to your address,

1 Bale contg.

1 doz Calico Shirts.

6 1/2 doz Flannel Shirts.

1 Pkt Postage Stamps  $\frac{1}{2}$  2. } should have  
1 Pkt Wafers. } been sent with  
the Stationary.

1 Box contg.

Sago, from Marseills, the box of which was  
broken and a part of 5 1/2 doz Flannel Shirts  
the remainder of which are in

1 Small, Canvas Bag.

Two other Packages arrived from Marseilles and  
One Box of Books from England and Meditn will be forwarded  
tomorrow.

There are two Packages more are arrived from  
Marseilles we have not yet got possession of but will look  
after them.

I am Madam,

Your obt. servt.

CHARLES HANDON, J.

Miss Nightingale,  
Scutari Hospital.

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Will you send the Iran Arm Chair tomorrow  
with the linen and any letters there are.

Yours aff.

Saturday.

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Woodville, Douglas,  
Isle of Man.

December 26. 1854.

My dear Madam,

I have sent by the last Steamer a large parcel of articles of left off clothing for the use of the wounded and sick soldiers under your care. Many of ~~these~~ them have been the contribution of friends resident in their places equally anxious with myself to do anything however trifling to lighten their sufferings. I trust they will reach you safely you will find in the parcel a Card with my name and address. I can only say I wish they were a thousand times more useful and valuable than they are. I heartily pray God to prosper your Noble undertaking and to strengthen and preserve your health which is so valuable. You are engaged in a work and labour of love which must in itself afford you a pleasure and a peace the worlds can neither give nor take away - and your reward is sure at that blessed day when 'The King' will publicly acknowledge those who have for His sake visited the sick and clothed the naked. I should indeed be glad if among your employments you were able to write me even one line to tell me whether my parcel reached you safely.

God bless you.

Yours faithfully and affectionately.

E. NOBLE.

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3 Belgrave Sq.,  
Monkstown,  
Kingstown.

Dec: 23rd 1854.

Dear Madam,

A considerable amount of warm under clothing is being prepared by ladies, myself and 20 others here in Dublin for the use of the Hospital at Scutari; and as we are most anxious that our supplies should be well timed, judiciously selected we shall feel truly obliged for any information as to the description of articles at present most needed for the sick in Hospital. I would hardly have ventured to trespass upon your time had we not recently heard from the family of the Archdeacon of Winbhester, that you considered the Hospital well supplied both in respect of warm clothing and lint and linen. If this is not at present the case I hope you will kindly let us know, as the impression put upon the minds of some that the goods are not now required, materially before their exertions - any instructions from you as to the selection of goods we shall feel truly thankful for, and till we can hear from you we shall not forward any of our goods.

Trusting that - for correct information  
will excuse my troubling you.

I remain Madam,

Yrs faithfully,

ETH. LLOYD.

Miss Nightingale.

Three weeks since we despatched Bales of old Linen and Lint to the Hospital if they have come to hand perhaps you will kindly say so. They were sent from the 'Industrial Society' here,

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Tetbury, Gloucestershire,  
December 13th, 1854.

To Miss Nightingale,  
Hospital Scutari,  
Turkey.

Dear Madam,

The Ladies of Tetbury and the neighbourhood have sent to you through Scepieus Cuthbert, five chests of Linen and warm clothing, for our poor wounded and convalescent countrymen, which they trust will prove acceptable; had it been linen only they would not have troubled you with this note.

The enclosed address will be a guide to those who may have charge of the chests when they arrive: - and should they come under your notice and you could merely cause two lines to be sent acknowledging the same you will confer a very great obligation, by directing it to Mrs Goodwyn, Tetbury, Glos.

Hoping you may be blest with health to finish the good work you have undertaken.

Believe me to remain

Yours truly,

MARIA GOODWYN.

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Chalta, December 26, 1857.

Madam,

I have the pleasure of receiving from  
Naples two Bales of Lint to your address, the  
contributions of the English Residents there; and  
further this of acquainting you this application  
to Rear Adml Stewart of this Dockyard, he has  
ordered them a free passage by the first conveyance  
which they run await on board H.M.Ship 'Ceylon',  
and I trust soon to hear of their safe and speedy  
arrival - Happy to be of ability here in anything  
with which I may be found your commands, I have the  
honor to be respectfully

Madam,

Your very obedient servant,

HENRY NERMETH.

To  
Miss Nightingale,  
Scutari.

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London.

November 15th, 1854.

Mrs and Miss Bethel present their compliments to Miss Nightingale and think it more secure to let her know that they have sent a packet directed to 'Miss Nightingale, Hospital Scutori' by the Steamer Karnak which was expected to sail from Liverpool this week. The parcel contains 4 Doz. Shetland Workers Waistcoats and 46 Flannel ditto which they hope may be of use to a few of the invalids who are beginning to get out.

They are sorry to give Miss Nightingale any trouble being aware that her time must be fully occupied.

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Nice 18th December 1854.

My Dear Miss Florence,

Allow me to recall an old friend to your remembrance while sending a small provision of chocolate for your patients which is a donation from my nephew **Tommy** Harris and a young friend of ours, Mrs Groves. I am sorry to say that there is nothing from me, as I had not time to prepare some wine which I hope to send from Genoa by the next steamer. I cannot express to you how much we were surprised and touched to hear of the resolution you have taken, and sincerely hope your strength will bear up and allow you to go through with it, accompanied by the hopings of so many sufferers. I had the pleasure of receiving two days ago an interesting letter from your mama, in which she gives me a most consolatory account of yourself and all the good you have already done, and good news of the rest of the family. I need not say how happy we should be, my brother-in-law Bionwhefi, my newpnew, and myself if on your return, we were fortunate enough to see you either at Genoe or here, for since the acquisition we have made of a country residence here we pass more of our time at Nice than at Genoa, where I missed you on a former accasion, when you kindly went to visit me and I was absent. I will not intrude longer on your precious time and remain.

Yours truly and affectionately,

LYDIA BIRD.

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Muchham,  
13' Dec. 1854.

Madam,

We have the honor to acquaint you that we have shipped on board the Steamer Army and Navy for Scutari Five Packages addressed to you agreeably to the Bill of Lading enclosed they are a portion of a very large number of packages which we have received by order of the Secretary of War intended for Hospital Service and then have been sent as they were received by us from Mr Herbert. The above Ship, could not receive more.

We have the honor to be

Madam

Your most obedient servants

Gayter & Howell.

Miss Nightingale.

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Burlington Quay,  
Yorkshire.

January 23rd, 1855.

To Miss Nightingale.

My dear Madam,

Some of the inhabitants of this place  
duhly sympathizing with those poor wounded men under  
your care, and elsewhere, have forwarded on the 18th  
of January to the Care of Mnftors Hayter & Howell a  
box, containing the following articles -

134 Calico Shirts - 50 flannel ditto.  
38 Prs Sheets - 77 pillow covers -  
106 towels - 25 pieces of Sponge.  
8 pr of Wool Mitts - 8 pr. of Muffalers -  
Books

My object in writing is to request you  
will have the goodness to acknowledge the arrival of  
this Box - has it will greatly increase their pleasure  
to know for certain that you have received it and perhaps  
you will not consider it too much trouble to say what  
articles continue to be wanted amongst the poor men.  
This is but a Small place still I feel sure  
that the people will again respond to any future wants  
of their suffering Countryman. My dear Madam allow me  
to add that as long as the Ladies of England have before  
them, such bright examples as yourself, those who so  
kindly have to go and be with you. They will  
never feel weary in assisting you, in this true want  
of Charity - and labour of Love - Believe me My dear  
Madam to remain.

Yours most respectfully,

MARGT. CODD.

Direct to  
Mrs Codd,  
Burlington Quay,  
Yorkshire.

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Tiverton, Devon.

Madam,

I this day forwarded to the Rev. Toogood for Mftrs Cuthbert & Son on behalf of the Residents of Tiverton and myself a package of linen for the use of the poor wounded Soldiers at Scutari. Any appeal of yours is sure to be attended to - as all Englishmen must fully appreciate The noble sacrifice you as well as those with you have made by schooling yourselves to nursing and comforting our brave and suffering Countrymen. That it may please God to bless your efforts for their relief is the earnest prayers of Madam,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLOTTE CARIGE.

If it is not asking too much a line to say the things are received would be very gratifying.

December 7th, 1854.

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Mrs Charles Tuck presents her compliments to Miss Nightingale and begs to inform her that her Mother Mrs Tirley who has arrived at the age of fourscore years and is hopelessly blind hearing how much warm clothing is required for the sick and wounded Soldiers in the Hospitals at Scutari, has provided 13 dozen of red Flannel Waistcoats, every one of which she has fixed herself and is forwarding to the East thro' Mfts Hayton & Howells, 52 Naek Lane, London together with Shirts, Sheets I contributed by her Daughter Mrs Hoindy and her Husband. Mrs Tuck has thought it advisable to divide the Clothes, and forward one half first, they are packed and will be sent at once.

It would be a great gratification to MrsTirley to know her waistcoats reach their destination and are as comfortable as any thing she can send.

20 Kibblesdale Place,  
Preston,  
Lanaashire.

December 21st, 1854.

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12 Hyde Park Square,  
London.

January 14th - 1855.

My dear Madam,

I have sent you several small collections of things during the winter in the packages of friends and should have continued to do so, without troubling you - but my friend Lady Inglis has advised me to send direct to you the few things I have just finished, that I may have the satisfaction of hearing they are really useful. If they are I shall be happy to send you many more of the same kind or cotton dressing Gowns if they would be more useful than flannel and I shall be thankful for any improvement you can suggest - or to do anything I can at so great a distance to assist you.

The package I have just directed to you only contains 30 pairs of carpet slippers 6 warm dressing gowns 18 pairs of wollen stockings a few sheets and some wool jackets and drawers - if the slippers are ~~not~~ any comfort I shall be delighted to send any number.

I will not trouble you to answer my letter but a few words from any one to advise me what to do will be sufficient to convince me that I may go on with my insignificant offering.

Our prayers for you are daily offered for a continuation of health and strength to carry on your noble undertaking.

I am dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

CLARA ADOLPHAS.

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Park Cottage,  
Devizes.

January 1st, 1855.

Madam,

I beg to inform you that I have this day  
dispatched a box addressed to you at Scutari, containing  
Pin Bowls, Cushions for the sick, sponges - a list  
of which is inside - They are an offering from my  
sister Mrs Col. Moore, widow of the late Col. Moore  
of the 6th Dragoons, My Mother Mrs Henry Clarke, my  
sister Mrs Gutterice and myself and we hope you may  
find them ~~serviceable~~ serviceable for some of our poor sick  
Soldiers and Sailors,

I am Madam

Yours faithfully,



15 Spring Gardens,  
Upper Brooke Street,  
Waterloo Road,  
Stockport.

January 17th, 1855.

Miss Nightingale,

Madam,

Being the father of a numerous family, -  
four sons and four daughters, - I beg, as a loyal  
subject, of her most Gracious Majesty, to forward  
to you, our little offering, to assist you in your  
a labour of love, which for events  
save your name to be esteemed, in after generations.  
~~sent~~ The parcel or case, bound with a strong cotton  
thread cord, directed -

'Miss Nightingale',  
Hospital - Scutari, - upon a  
square word tablet - underneath ~~the~~ which is, an  
'inventory' of its contents, - - today  
forwarded, through Manchester, from hence, per  
Mfs. John Kenworthy & Co, Carriers, - to Liverpool,  
to the care of the Ottoman Consul, there, P. Mussobrin,  
Esqs - to be forwarded onwards, to yourself by the  
first quick Steamer, available, to the East.

I am especially grateful to the Ottoman  
Consul - Manchester, Abdulla for his kindness  
in putting me in the way of doing a small act of 'duty'  
which is only due from every subject of our Great and  
Good Queen Victoria:- Whom God Preserve!

Your devoted Servant,

JOHN RADCLIFFE.

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70 Montpelier Road  
Brighton

Decr 13<sup>th</sup>

My dear Madam

I cannot sufficiently  
thank you for your kind-  
ness in writing to inform  
us of the safe arrival  
of the package we sent  
by the "Queen of the South"  
It was such a satisfaction  
to be able to speak of  
that letter to all those  
who had assisted us  
in sending it - & it  
was an answer to the  
reports which we sometimes



circulated of your being  
~~overstocked~~ with Thimble St.

Our friends have again  
united to send out what  
we hope will prove useful  
100 yds of Wash flannel with  
some warm woollen shirts  
& Old linen St perhaps  
I ought to mention that  
Audy Grace Gore to whom  
we are indebted for the  
hosiery requested us to  
send also a small parcel  
of tracts, we could not  
refuse although we do  
not know whether they  
are likely to be ~~acceptable~~  
acceptable

These things with a  
hamper of Porter &  $\frac{1}{4}$  chest  
of tea were sent to Southamp-  
ton on Monday in the  
hope they will be speedily  
forwarded to Solihull

We have since received  
more flannel & more  
calico so that if you  
can find leisure to  
tell us what else  
would be desirable  
to add to these articles  
we shall hope to  
be able to send them  
to you in Jan<sup>y</sup> —

Great is the sympathy felt  
by all classes for the sufferers  
in the East & for those  
who are ministering to them

I enclose a prayer written  
by the Bp. of Salisbury & very  
widely circulated & used in  
many families as it may  
be interesting to you to  
see how they are remembered

Believe me

Yours very sincerely  
Catherine Pusey



70 Montpellier Road,

Brighton.

Decmbr 13th

My dear Madam,

I cannot sufficiently thank you for your kindness in writing to inform us of the safe arrival of the package we sent by the "Queen of the South" It was such a satisfaction to be able to speak of that letter to all those who had assisted us in sending it - and it was an answer to the reports which we sometimes get of your being overstocked with linen and our friends have again united to send out what we hope will prove useful 100 yds of Welsh flannel with some warm woollen sheets and old linen and perhaps I ought to mention that Lady Grace Gore to whom we are indebted for the hosiery requested us to send also a small parcel of treats, we could not refuse although we do not know whether they are likely to be acceptable.

These things with a hamper of Porter and  $\frac{1}{2}$  chest of the tea were sent to Southampton on Monday in the hope they will be speedily forwarded to Scutari.

We have since received more flannel and more calico so that if you can find leisure to tell us what else would be desirable to add to these articles we shall hope to be able to send them to you in January - Great is the sympathy felt by all classes for the sufferers in the East and for those who are Ministering to them.

I enclose a prayer written by the Bp. of Salisbury, very widely circulated and used in many families as it may be interesting to you to see how they are remembered.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) Catherine Pusey.

Dear Madam

When the boxes (which I hope  
you will have received through Co<sup>s</sup>  
Simscole) were made up, we found  
that the work might be continued if  
we so doing we are useful to you.  
I am not sure whether we may not  
be officious in offering in our poor way  
what is much better, more judiciously  
supplied, yet I do not think it well  
to check any selfdenying efforts which the  
poor children, or others are glad to  
make. It would be cheering to



yourself, the poor sufferers around you could you see the general feeling for them, know the willingness of their country men, country women to do any thing if they were enabled for their comfort & relief, this feeling is shewn too so much amongst the poor, who eagerly offer the labor of their hands, where they have nothing else to give -

Should you be already troubled with such afflictions as these, I beg you to forget I have made it, I only venture so to do, from the wish of acting under directions -  
If on the contrary you think we

might be useful, perhaps any one who is able would kindly write a few lines, which it will indeed be a great pleasure to us to receive -

With our united wishes, prayers at this, every season, that God's blessing may be on you, <sup>on</sup> your work. I am Madam

With much respect

Yours

Mary Puer

Wife of Rev. H. Puer,  
St James'  
Cheltenham -

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> -

Dear Madam,

When the boyes (which I hope you will have received through Col. Kingscote) were made up, we found that the work might be continued if so doing we are useful to you. I am not sure whether we may not be officious in offering in our poor way what is much better, more judiciously supplied, yet I do not think it well to check any selfdenying efforts which the poor children or others are glad to make. - It would be cheering to yourself, the poor sufferers around you could you see the general feeling for them, know the willingness of their countrymen, countrywomen to do any thing if they were enabled for their comfort and relief, this feeling is shewn too so much amongst the poor, who eagerly offer the labor of their hands, where they have nothing else to give -

Should you be already troubled with such applications as this, I beg you to forget I have made it, I only venture so to do, from the wish of acting under directions - If on the contrary you think we might be useful, perhaps any one who is able would kindly write a few lines, which it will indeed be a great pleasure to us to receive -

With our united wishes, prayers at this, every season, that god's blessing may be on you and on your work

I am Madam with much esteem

Yours

(Sgd) Mary Pruen.

Wife of Rev: Ely Pruen

St. James'

Cheltenham.

Dec 20th.



Dear Mary  
 I am very sorry to hear  
 that you are at the  
 Cantaric Hospital  
 9th Feb

Since I have your newspaper  
 and you are glad to hear  
 from your mother & sister think  
 of the poor patient  
 of others who never complain  
 of weakness or of sickness  
 and wish to get

here -  
tangle



well, to go and fight again  
for their Country like  
your uncle. I hope you  
will be kind to them  
& their widows & children  
when you see them in  
your peaceful Country.  
I hope you pray for Peace.  
If you could see the feet  
of the poor frostbitten  
soldier, the flesh dropping  
from the toes & the

rest, he left Hack & broken  
& to be cut & sawn off - you  
would prefer Mercy & Re-  
velence to honor & valor -  
& when you read of Greeks  
& Romans fighting here  
where we are, & the brave  
old Crusaders believe  
that your English & Irish  
& Scotch Country men are  
just as brave, & a great  
deal more kind, for

Some of them are like the  
good fluturion, & all know  
something of a Jesus Saviour  
& the duties of Christianity  
& many like good books, &  
some like to pray. & some  
are unconscious, worn out  
& weary, & stretch out their  
hands, & say "Liber" the  
last word, & then they move  
no more, & have no more pain.  
Thank you for your letter.  
I hope you will live to be  
a brave man, & to fight  
like your Uncle if necessary.



Steuers  
 Asmestry Jan 22<sup>d</sup> 1854.

Mr Henry William Bryan  
 presents his Compliments  
 to Miss Highmyle  
 and is confident that  
 she will excuse his  
 troubling her with the  
 enclosed <sup>Bank Post Bill</sup> letter for £12.  
 which he has received from  
 the workmen employed  
 in Mr Hubbert's Iron  
 works at Plymouth in  
 Devonshire. They  
 have

have very largely contributed  
to the Patriotic Fund, but  
as this small sum has  
been drawn from their  
Sick Fund they wish it  
to be solely allotted to  
procuring any extra  
comforts for any Sick or  
wounded of the Royal  
Navy Funders who  
may be in the Hospital  
at Duror. I wish  
thank

thank Miss Lightengale for  
a line of receipt & show  
the donors that their  
gift has been applied  
as they wish

The Bank Postbill is numbered 4/3093 &  
made payable to Miss Florence Lightengale  
value received of Sir Henry -



The parcel, or case, bound with a strong  
cotton thread cord, directed -

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only due from every subject of our  
Great & Good Queen, Victoria: -

When God Please! Your devoted servant -  
John Radcliffe

15, Spring Gardens -

Ref: Mr Brooke - *St*

Waterloo Road -

Stockport -

January 17<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Miss Nightingale -

Madam -

I Being the father of a numerous  
family, - four sons and four daughters, - I  
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Majesty, to forward to you, our "little offering",  
to assist you in your blest mission, - a  
labour of love, which must for ever leave your  
name to be esteemed, in after generations.  
Actuaries, The



January 17<sup>th</sup>  
1855.

Castletown

Enniscorthy

Ireland

My dear Miss Nightingale,

I hope you will allow me to call you so & to recall our slight acquaintance to your recollection. Perhaps you may remember meeting Lord & Lady Carson & their two daughters, fifteen or sixteen years ago, on board the steamer from Havre to Southampton. You & your sister were then travelling with your parents, & your father kindly asked us to continue the acquaintance begun on board, by going to his place near Southampton, which invitation we were, however, unable to accept. My object in reminding you of this, is to give myself an opportunity of expressing how much I admire your noble spirit of charity & self-denial, &



how anxious I am, that your efforts  
should be successful. I saw in the Times  
newspaper, that a supply of Prayer Books  
would be very acceptable to the sick in  
hospital, & have desired 300 to be sent  
to you, from the Society for Promoting  
Christian Knowledge, together with 200  
of the Bishop of London's Devotions &  
a few of Bishop Andrew's, & I hope  
they may be a comfort to many in the  
trying hour of pain & weakness. I have  
been very much interested in hearing with  
what strong feelings of religion many  
of our officers & soldiers have met their  
end, & I do hope that in the day when  
the Lord maketh up His jewels, many  
will have been gathered from the Crimea.  
This has been a year of sadness &

sorrow to many, & I have had a share in it.  
For on Easter Sunday, I lost the best &  
kindest of husbands, & five months after  
I was confined of a fine little boy, who was  
only left with me for one month, & then  
was taken to join the parents he had never  
seen. I have one little boy still, & every  
stepping in the way of affluence & kind friends,  
but my own sorrow makes me feel the  
more for the numberless others who are  
now in the position of widows with  
infant children, & I have seen how the  
comfort derived from the Death of a  
Saviour, gives peace, even when we are  
called in the midst of our age, to leave  
the greatest earthly happiness, & I trust  
that the same support in the hour of  
sorrow will be given to many.



I am sure that the consciousness of the  
soothing effect of a woman's gentleness, often  
gives you much pleasure, & sometimes  
I hope, almost makes amends for the  
many scenes of hopelessness you must  
often see. You have the prayers & good  
wishes of many hearts, who feel  
you may be a comfort to those in whom  
their earthly hopes are centred. Poor  
Young Troughton was the only son of a  
neighbour of ours. You have so much  
necessary business, that I hope you will not  
trouble yourself to answer this letter, but  
if you are in the habit of acknowledging  
presents to the hospital through the  
Times, will you say that you have  
received the books from A. Dixon.

Believe me to remain, with much  
respect & esteem, yours very  
sincerely

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> A D Gilbert  
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Tans

7 Pall Mall East

Queen

London - Decr 22nd 1854

Madam

I have the honor to forward to you  
by order of Her Majesty The Queen an assortment  
~~and assortment~~ of my Water Cushions for affording relief  
to the Sick & Wounded and which, I trust will be safely  
received in due course having forwarded them to the  
Care of Messrs. Hayter & Howell Mark Lane for Shipment -

To each of the Cushions is affixed a  
parchment label and an Illustrated prospectus  
giving full directions for their use -

I beg especially to refer to the extract of Mr. Caesar Hawkins  
Clinical Lecture therewith - and sincerely hope  
that you will be able to report favorably of them, that  
others may follow the noble example of our excellent Queen.  
I could read the Testimony of nearly all of our leading  
Medical men referring in the highest terms to their  
usefulness and the great comfort they afford but I prefer  
leaving their merits entirely to your judgement.

For relieving pain some Boiling water put

into one of them and applied to the part affected gives very  
Sedative effect, almost momentary; and for producing  
an Sudorific a little Boiling water put into one and  
applied over the Stomach & Breasts, quickly brings on  
perspiration -

Their chief object however is for giving relief to the Wounded  
Soldiers suffering from Bedsores - It being found that the  
advantages of support upon water at a proper Temperature are  
alone capable of procuring cure, independent of which  
unhealthy sores heal better on water than on any other support  
the material with which they are made being Elastic  
acts exceedingly comfortably by yielding & all parts uniformly -  
Several pieces of waterproof sheet, and a W. Blanket  
the former is often cut up for protecting the Caskets from  
frost, &c. as it can be cleaner & changed in the air & so on for  
much more readily than the Caskets -

The Casket should be lifted by the Tube the depth of the  
length of the Tube is to put in more water or let a portion out  
while under the body, also to alter the Temperature -

I am making three, and several other appliances, Casily,  
(in partnership with Mr Joseph Fry a son of the late  
Elizabeth Fry) and although we shall be for some time  
much occupied in executing orders for the East India Co



and others we will set aside any of our work  
for supplying the wants of them noble men who have  
shed their blood so bravely for their Queen & Country.  
I have the honor to remain

Madam

Your mo. Obed. Servant  
William Hooper

Miss Nightingale  
British Hospital  
Scutari.

Fifteen	Hunter's Puddings	
Six	Bottles Brandy	
Six	Bottles Raspberry Vinegar	
Thirteen	Tin Cans, various sizes	
One	Tin Fume 1	
Twelve	Britannia Spoons	
Twelve	Knives and Forks	Ebony handles
Eighteen	ditto	Green handles
One	Coffee Kettle	
One	Spring Cork Screw	
Twelve	Moore's Almanack	
Fifty	Pieces Music	
One	Quire Ruled Music Paper	
One	Music Fork "C" Minor	
One	Concordance	Three Bibles
One	Psalms David	Six Prayer Books
Twelve	Watts Hymns	One Catechism
One	Ream Ivory Note Paper, ditto Envelopes	
	Blotting Paper	
Eighteen	Pen Holders (3 sizes)	177 Steel Pens
Two	Bottles Ink	Twelve Ink Stands
Eighteen	Books (various)	Two Paper Knives
Six	Lead Pencils	
	Quantity of Carded Cotton, Magazines, London Times etc	

Tuesday Jan'y 16th/55  
 15 Spring Gardens  
 Chas

Miss Nightingale

Hospital  
 Scutari



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Fifteen Hunt's Fuddings.  
 Six bottles Brandy.  
 Six bottles Raspberry Vinegar.  
 Thirteen Lin Pens & various sizes  
 One Lin Funnel.  
 Twelve Brittanica Spoons.  
 Twelve Hair and Forks. Long Handles.  
 Eighteen Dittor — Green Handles.  
 One Coffee Kettle  
 One Spring Fork Sew.  
 One Brown Jack.  
 Twelve Lums Almanachs  
 Fifty Pieces Music  
 One June ruled Music Paper.  
 One Music Fork, "F" minor.  
 One Concordance. Three Bibles  
 One Psalm David. Six Prayer Books.  
 Twelve Watts Hymns. One Psalms.  
 One beam Ivory Note Paper. Dittor Envelopes.  
 Twelve June Blotting Paper.  
 Eighteen Pen Holders. 3 sizes. 14 of Steel pens.  
 Two bottles Ink. Twelve Ink Stands.  
 Eighteen Books. Various. Two Paper Knives.  
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 Quantity of Laided Cotton, Ragazines, London Times.  
 &c. &c. &c.

Tuesday, May 16/55  
 15 Spring Garden  
 15 Northport - Cheshire.

M.B.

parallel. John Kennedy & Company  
Cambridge

forwarded } Newport  
                  } Manchester  
                  } Liverpool } June 1<sup>st</sup> 1835 -  
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Luxembourg Ottoman Consul, P. Musselin  
(and the)  
Marmarosh Ottoman Consul, Abdoulhal Whidj

*Via Liverpool.*

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