Letters

1829 - 1831 & 1836

of little interest

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& 1836

Early letters to
Mrs Nightingale
from various relations
of family interest
mostly from 'Aunt Mac'
H.V. 1959

Dr Fan. Your Glow was in the Veranda when I returned, grieving over our loss. We met Mrs Ward & Fan & botanized home - how hot the Sun & cold the wind! We read our Newspaper at night & went to bed rather earlier than usual. Well I did for Babe was not very amiable - This morn I have good acct of Bon - excellent spirits but able to keep quite quiet & Frances says "the seeds of g. disease had just been taken in time" How thankful I ought to be! but wd any body have believed that he wd have borne all the inconvenience, to call it no more, of the growth of all this & from mere decorum kept it 15 from Miss Joyce (who had her eye upon him for another complaint) & then for the fun hurge fro Carter. Miss Joyce writes a most kind letter upon his subject wishing to have the care of him & not fearing trouble. I had 3 packets for Duke & kind Mary, C & Patty & I send you some of her news (as you asked where & Allen was) but pray burn - only think of the weakness of the Cats as Mr Thornton calls them "the question safe - so professing Honesty to Pat is so they some! out for Mr Rdt. J." I wrote to Jane some days ago but before she rec'd it she had written to ask if she might come here his letter seems to have been 3 days on the road. directed to me - How careful she shd be & how impudent it seems to be moving at all in March. This wind will kill her - she dies it their day for leaving Longsway going to her 2.

relations by the way. Sister Bayley & Adl Baker – She says the weather at Tor is deplorable. but she has made great progress in the last 10 days. all to be upset I dare say – These 10 days appear to have been spent on the House – Carter has House of Com. business (some petitions) & the Election coming on so he does not go to Winton – I am sorry he cannot manage it –

London ~~Feb~~ March two 1829

2 March 1829

Wm Nightingale
Embley
J Bonham Carter Romsey

Mrs Nigh
Embley

Patty has seen Mrs Hainford –
La pillule m'a consolé certainemt. Il me faut
quelque medicine – Goodbye Yr affec
WNB

13th March
1829

My dear Mr. Nightingale

I took your letter & to Duke Street last night & consigned the paquet to Mary's care, the bonnets were sent there before I made enquiries for them, and Mary also informed me that the Claps lists would be ready to depart with the other things in the box tomorrow. I hope you will approve of the colours of your chyed property. I thought they appeared good, & the Dyer told me they were perfectly fast. I think my friend has charged rather high, but it is sometime since I have employed one of his profession

and I forget what I promised them, but you must let me have the satisfaction of hearing if it is done to your mind. I was very glad to have a little quiet tete a tete with Mary last Evening, both her Gentlemen were gone out. Julia had promised to meet me there if she could, however she came not. I think Mary is looking much better for the week of country air she got herself, although she had intention to catch a cold, & she gave a very good report of her little babe's health.

Papa has gone on improving daily & is now I think quite as well as ever he walks a great deal & thinks nothing of the cold pinching winds we have had, & generally goes to the play at night.

Mamma has been better within the last few days but previous to that she has suffered very much with nervous headache London has certainly not agreed with her so well as usual. It is now decided that we leave Town tomorrow sennight for Stay has by far exceeded what we had expected. The plan talked of at present is that we spend a few days at Oxford then proceed to Blenheim stay there another few days, then to Kintbury & thence home. I cannot say I have seen much since I saw you, Papa & I went one evening to Mr Fords, Lord & Lady Ford are staying with them at present, they both appear to be remarkably agreeable old people so very cheerful & good natured

Julia called upon us on Monday & took me home with her & gave me a Mutton Chop.
Miss Julia Cooke, of whom I had heard much, but had never seen was of the party.
We have a play in Prospect tomorrow night we go to Covent Garden to see Ivanhoe performed, Mr. Adams Smith has promised to dine & go with us, I have talked of a French Play, but I think it very doubtful whether I shall accomplish so great an undertaking. We rejoice to hear that the Copper Cap had been successfully removed, & I hope poor little Bonham will gain strength shortly, Mary tells me his prospects towards recovery are at present slow. I must have tried you with this long letter therefore I shall only offer my kindest remembrances & beg you to believe me
Ever affectionately
Sarah Mary Ogden

Lea Hospital
Lancashire

London Seven Dials Post Office
MR 7 1859

Mrs Nightingale
Embley Park
Romsey

Hants

Three Ladies & Mary & Julia also set off at ten o'clock in an open Carriage to Shawmer Bank which was not a thought particularly prudent considering what the weather is at present.

I am ashamed to send such an indecipherable scrawl this letter, but I ventured to leave the time of post on Saturday. We were very well amused at the theatre. Miss Paton appeared to great advantage as Rebecca in the Maid of Judah. The music of the Opera was extremely pretty. Mozart & the scenery also pretty. We had the burning of Pultowa after. Charles Kemble performed the part of Charles the 12th. There was a great deal of Gunstone, & shooting, which had not a pleasant effect upon my swimming head. & at last I knew my little of what was going on. Mamma did not go. I think she had an escape. Capt. Hood took her place. Tonight Papa & I go with the Hoods to the French Play. My sister has heard of the safe arrival of poor little Lennie. Lady Sitwell promised to write in a month or six weeks, when she could judge a little of her. I told Lenora of your kindness respecting her, for which she is very thankful. Julia called upon us yesterday morning & we walked to Longmore St. to pay Miss Smith a visit but she was gone to Duke St. Vienna & I drank Tea in Queen St. We were quite a formidable party of Ladies, Miss Shore & Miss Julia Cook

Pray tell Mr. Nightingale we are very glad to hear that the first act of his Sheriffalty has prospered, though it must have been cold work indeed to attend full dressed upon my Lords the Judges. Mamma read me part of your letter to Julia, so I know all about it. Mr. Smith comes & drinks Tea with us sometimes which is a very pretty charitable thing to do, and we are delighted to have his company. Mamma & I called this morning upon poor Miss Harley Lord Hardwicke's sister. She has been for some years a sad sufferer with spasms in the muscles, & whenever we have been in London & called at her door she was not able to see us, her only sister died very suddenly some years ago, & she is now left alone. She is in a large house in Harley Street which was built by her father. She was a very energetic almost violent person, when my Father

interested her, she died lying on a flat sofa without the power of moving, so calm & entirely subdued with such a plaintive & imploring voice it is very affecting to see her, she spoke with such perfect resignation to the will that has ordained for such a painful lot in this world & so full

March 1829

Mr. Nightingale

of hope that she might meet those again whom she had loved, & who were all her comfort and pleasure on earth. For thing she is now more free from pain but entirely helpless. Adieu.

London Seventh April 1829

Mrs Nightingale

Embley Park

Romsey

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Northern Ohio come here last night quite wa
to my plan for patronizing — Why
how not Pres authorize any body
to look out for a judicious person
to live with Gen

Hon. Wm. Cullen Bryant
New York

36 Bryant

St James's Place
3 Apr. 1829

Mrs Nightingale

My dear Harry, heading a fresh sheet for you I write a line to thank you for your letter this morn. Thanks for yr reading for us on Thursday. My heart bleeds for poor dear Joan. Bon is not materially worse, but Reitlen is he better. He does not talk much of him, as it is very painful but as far as I can hear her hopes are rather less than they were, I am very busy calling & packing & meaning. The last goes on most prosperously

as far as Blanch is concerned, I have persuaded her for the back time yesterday worn, she has scarcely fretted at all for it, she eats & sleeps vigorously & is quite well. She thinks so little of it, that I scarcely separate myself from her more than usual, & she is quite willing to be with the not professionally but as a friend. I am more concerned than she is, but still not very much. Hoping to see you the day after tomorrow Adieu. I am not an. believer of the chicken pox though you speak as he of it, but I do not believe it, I would rather run the little risk there is in such a pleasant plan.

Yr affec Bd.

Dear Fanny - Bonham is ~~decidedly~~ better - he has been free from pain since Friday - his pulse is still 100 - but it has been much higher - I have not seen him since last Wednesday when he was very ill indeed - poor little fellow! I had not seen him but twice previous in the interval since Jonnie came to Tor - Thursday fortnight - each time he looked deplorably worse than whilst I was attending him & at last Charles asked for Norman as he just wing him. It said it was unlikely he would come again - I think we may hope - It seems they had succeeded in clearing the upper half of the bowels - ~~but probably~~ as long as 3 weeks ago - just before Jonnie came to Tor - but how they do not know he caught cold - perhaps from he had also some little extra fatigue in the shooting - Whether was the cause, or whether it was the natural progress of a disease, only conquered in one portion of the bowels, pain came

on — They say the membrane that holds the bowels is inflamed & the coat of the bowel thinner — that they adhere instead of they should be of slipping over one other — This is the proof of the division, after the come ulcers & water — He is much bitter by the application of a mercurial ointment, that & brass in his with is very little impressing that I should be the worst of this had not happened to him behind the Doctors, because himself says, there is much more chance they then was of his ultimate recovery — Nothing that you give a very bad account of your Jane If we then as a telling reader, it is his — I pied by it can only be me — just and the

I hope to have from Pet for but advice about the pots — I pied by

I am grieved to hear that Letitia spits blood. & they fear her brother a blood vessel, the Cookes go to Ham tomorrow Caroline remains with Rose for some time. Julia is to be with yr mother, Margaret you know is with Rose, I am very glad Julia is with her, I am sure she will spare no thought or exertion for her, Rose will aware of the necessity of rest for her, that I do not doubt her prudence,

Good bye dear, Yr affec Ms.

London April 10th 1829

Mrs Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

J Birkham Carter

10 April 1829

2 April 1829

My dear Harry, I am delighted that you will come here, I am quite enjoying the thoughts of having you, it will be a great pleasure to me to think that you are with him, fortunately our things are in that comfortable state of shabbiness that it will be unnecessary to look up. I wish only with to have things so that you may step in comfortably & quietly after yr days journey, mine company can few, how we will dispose you. I suppose, you in Parlor room, children in adjoining room which will be yr dressing room. on a block cupboard, which joined together make a bed which held 2 grown ones for general use, then there are 2 vacant attics for 2 maids, & Sam in the room you had, which he prefers.

I only wish to know if you and like a maid in the children's room because if so, nothing is easier than to put one there, I conclude Miss Christie will be with her friends but should she be at all with you, she could be in the dressing room with the children. her bed & as many more as you please are to be hired for half a crown, & if it would make you happier, you should pay half the half crown. We got as nice clean a single bedstock as I would wish to see for that pay when Eliza was here. The domestics you mention will go on pretty well, I doubt not, I am very glad you bring Sitty, as my only fear was that our cook would not make you comfortable, but she is a good girl, & will be a willing kitchen

paid under Betty & I doubt not such think herself fortunate to see the practice of so distinguished a performer. I had thoughts of asking you, in case you should happen to be without a better maid in the autumn to let me bring her in that capacity, that she might learn under Betty. So dear, I only want to say, dispose of the 3 rooms in the way you like best, I only wish to leave orders so that you may have nothing to do when you come in but to go to bed. & don't think you give me the least trouble because you don't. Sam would be quite agreeable to sleeping in the front attic if more convenient & said it was the pleasantest room in the house. So pray put yourselves exactly as you like best, & only think of making yourselves comfortable. I am sorry to say we shall not come till ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday the 16th Sam cannot get away sooner, because ~~because he had seen~~ he wished me to come

tomorrow but as it is only a few days I prefer waiting for him & you will have a superabundant quantity of us in the long vacation for I believe we threaten you with the whole of it unless I am goes to Scotland. I am going to Joan & will give you the report of Bon when I return, yesterday I am dined there, he thought her out of spirits. Miss Johnson dined & stood all night here. Shall we do any thing about yr straw bonnets or any things else? I have been to Joanna. the servant of Bon seems much the same, Newson was not there yesterday. Chambers says his pulse is too high & it seems the food which he takes, though it agrees appears not to nourish him, sister said he thought Joan was too sanguine, I thought she seemed low, yr mother came while I was there, she said he had had a poor account of Joan today, he goes tomorrow to her

I like to hear from you for I lead as you may guess a lonely life there is a hardly a Creature I wish to see. Old John Martin came in yesterday & gone to Abbotsbury with the James's & I's the Miss Ms to Ramsgate & Fanny coming to stay perhaps with Miss Wilmson for a few days she has just been here By her half told story I shd guess that Mr Richardson has a little gone dying of something of Bm's complaint - beginning with a pleurisy - One of Miss Wood's Sisters (a governess) a very pleasing woman came to day from Clapton to tell me that little Fan having gone to bed with nothing more than the Cold that she had had some time

Wake got up this morn feverish & complaining of pain in her side that they had sent for the Apothecary & he, calling it a slight attack of pleurisy, had bled her - This appears to me a strong measure at 6 years old ~~I felt all this very~~ for all pain very soon left her she was not coughing but talking with Hilary - It is unfortunate that it shd happen on this visit such kind people should not have extra trouble in account of their kindness

Thursday This morn I hear that Fan had a very good night & is free from pain & fever - C being gone to Mr Joyce's near Maidenhead & Bm very low to day I cd not leave the house - Chambers seems under no alarm It is the Calomel which is working off

that food which they have been making trial of but which will not digest & they have returned again to Canada. Eggs. Broth. I have written out some pretty lines if you like them will end, for Rd but they are not simple enough. Yr affec Isabel

London Ontario
Mrs Rykiborgh
Smithley
Stonehouse Cottage Guernsey

White Lion Inn
Cobham
Friday

21 May 1829

My dear Fanny.

I am very sorry to have
such bad accounts of you from all quarters
I hope Mary will write & let me know
how you are now. This cold watched Spring
wd I suppose the cause of your malady as it
is keeping me back tho' I am very thankful
that my throat is not affected. My Sister
Margaret & I left Fair Oak on Tuesday
which I was very sorry to do. but the last
few days especially I had felt so unwell
that I thought it prudent to move nearer
London. Pete has taken a little house ~~for~~
at Herne Hill which I hope to get into next
Thursday. Julia is undertaking a confining
very chicks at Fair Oak. I believe the

wrote you word of our success with
regard to Caroline Smith. It is a
great comfort indeed to me to
think that the little minds & bodies
will be really well taken care of. &
also to have her to depend upon when
Fred comes home for his holidays which
will be in June when I shall most
likely be shut up entirely. I thought
Julia looking very well & in better spirits
upon the whole than I expected. I think
she will perhaps remain at Fair-Oak
if Joanna sends her children down there
if not she will take up her abode at

Thanks Dank for I am afraid I shall by no means be able to give her a bed in my little Kew hill house which is just I hear a case for me & the 2 children with Miss C Smith - I hope you will take a drive down & see me during your stay in London, I am afraid I shall have no other chance of getting a peep at any of you - How comfortable are these rooms of Bonham - It will be a great triumph for Dr Chambers should he bring him thro' after all. The last bulletin was so thoroughly good that I suppose he now allows Joanna to hope for recovery. but I have not heard from her lately - Kate brought the last news of them on Wednesday night I expect him down to morrow with

Caroline & Julia to spend Sunday with me
Mr. Currie has been with us two days
since he came - he returns to town to day
Margt leaves me on Monday to complete
her preparations & then she goes to reside

1 May 1829

Mrs Mytton
Fordhey
near Ramsey
Huntingdonshire

also

at Wargrave for a fortnight before her marriage
which I hear is necessary. & on the 26th it takes
place. They go to the I of Wight afterwards for
three weeks. Love to Mary & best remembrances
to Miss Christie not forgetting Bertie & Flo.

Your very affte
Y Smith

Dear Fanny - ~~Yes~~ I am interrupted with Sam, to speak Dickey, thro' the door, I hear that you are not well enough to come to Town directly — For your consolation, as far as London is concerned you could not put it off at a better time, the cold weather throws a damp on the world in general, & your Ball's illness in our little world — I saw Mrs Cam for the first time in these three months, last night at my uncle Henry's — She says that Turnbull the Officer, on some such good authority says the usual number of parties have been disappointed 3 in every 4 — ~~that~~ people are poor & ~~that~~ what ~~all~~ ~~those~~ money they have to give to the Doctors — I am for myself, I must say I have been on the whole better than usual — The exercise I have had and the not often driving for company have saved me — Even Sam is good, whilst everybody else has been suffering — I mean everybody in Town — Moreover I hope I have hit on a plan that may warm Frank and will at Bombay — but

I am a perfect skeleton —

Friday morning — Thank just received your note & forwarded the enclosure — You cannot conceive I am delighted at the idea of having tired little Bon so very much as that Joanna should think it — particularly as Mary probably would have visited him every day if I had not volunteered my services — but I know very well that the relapse, & all the little contretemps — celebrating cold & continuing to eat too much, nursing the children, & being moved to a noisy room in St James's Place happened after I left & hers — ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ which I did for the best, to make room for Joanna — From your dear Bon's case, I have learned to set a value on an Apothecary's attendance — The Physicians of this day are philosophers, but they do not appear to me to be men of minute precautions — They say that Bonham

life depends on his strength, that it is a struggle between his disease & his constitution but if it is such a very near run case ~~[illegible]~~ if his existence hangs by such slender threads, then it appears to me that nothing but the most whole attention can keep those threads from snapping — I hope you have heard that he is better — At the last consultation the Doctors both thought so — Nurse says that he goes on asking for see me & planning to go with me to the Sea — I made him comfortable & amused him too this morning & of course it is a great delight to me to find he continues to wish for me as he thinks his Mother could not go — but I believe the means to go, I fear too — for I should feel it has great charge, ——— You must know

that Mrs. Chambers told him he must go to Brighton, the child immediately made the promise to go with him — ~~But~~ I did not expect ~~that this~~ so many weeks of suffering he would still dwell upon it — but it is the greatest comfort I could have whether he lives or dies — I sincerely hope to see Jennie how, I am afraid of making her hope & ~~thing~~ there is enough in the complaint that is delusive — he is as lively as ever at times, & as clear headed & talks on all manner of subjects — When he remonstrates with Nurse about seeing me he tells her my stories would keep him quiet. Jennie went down with Jack to Mr Jorgie's on Monday — She goes out in the Carriage sometimes now & looks better again — It is her study to keep herself calm for her Baby's sake — & then I see what a difference it makes the having 6 children, & that to her absorbing

[illegible] at the head of them — I have had that
[illegible] dream that plague me so much at
[illegible] — the good pidgies said there was
[illegible] days of sense betaking me if I left
[illegible] I begin, (now it is not to wonder
[illegible] Above with [illegible] continual gumboils
[illegible] nights — but the more I was
[illegible] the more afraid [illegible] of having
[illegible] I what tried to Cathrynke
[illegible] — At last I followed a
[illegible] of the Jonny Henry Thornton &
[illegible] to the famous man Thays
[illegible] Doctors! Leave —
[illegible] he took it
[illegible] almost any [illegible] moreover without
[illegible] without pain [illegible] I was
[illegible] To be sure, [illegible] 15
[illegible] all alone in his dark room in a dark alley
[illegible] for him
[illegible] of Laudanum in
[illegible] to make my mouth [illegible] properly,
[illegible] I can hardly [illegible] suppose they
[illegible] promptly, as to leave me

without feeling of pain — Did I ever tell
you of an artist who trusted me with a
secret, viz, that if I could get handsome
ladies or ladies of rank to sit to him
he would be thankful to do them (paint them
for little or nothing — The worst is, we
fear he would not be thankful — &
therefore I don't find it possible to ask
anybody. — I now told you that Mrs
Austen has been battering herself to set a child's
magazine in foot — but has received
no encouragement from the Booksellers
& Pub: the Bros) generally know what &
who will succeed — Mrs Austen is very
clever, & in many respects very excellent — for
she has much to endure from a low-spirited
husband — & one is only afraid she might say
for herself in the way of good humour &
economy she may justly think she has
done great good in her time — but

I doubt whether she would have the delicate
task of that is but for children — moreover
his reputed irreligious opinions would be
inept to stand in her way — The life of a
child may go on without religious doctrines but
never without religious feelings — we should strive
books. I think — McCampbell has been here
he comes & drinks tea with me all alone
it is quite against rule, & that I do
not like at all, for I do not like him
but I cannot always turn such a desolate
man away — He is going to clean the house
neighbourhood & has taken a house in
Scotland Road — I hope he will soon
find a wife, for I see nothing else between
him & entire drift — Fanny Allen is gone from
Liverpool. I see very little of her, my mother
behaved in her usual tormenting way about
inviting her here — Altogether altogether it
disappointed me very much — Mrs Clough
has not written to me, she seems to be

but on returning to Italy — he invites me to
come to him in Edinburgh first, & stop
with him on my way ~~home~~ back at Lea Hurst
but it seems a very vague plan — &
he does not seem to think of moving
the matter — N.B. It was not that

Mr Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

all this subject, very kindly
& I am sorry of telling you
the chosen — but it is
suggested Lea Hurst — Anna has not yet
home — governess — School — or Home — I marvel
how they will get anything — & I suppose
we not to have Julia Cooke, tell Cara
give to Anna Poor Blanche is ill — Jane is at Cobham
fine, If there is any news of poor Blanche
I'll put it in — I have written

Jeanie mentioned an
Infants school which
she thought and he the
most desirable I had
heard some thing of one
at Portsmouth but
I said rather first try
any means of keeping
her at home so I shd
be greatly obliged to you
to enquire of the teacher
who seems to be more
likely than any body
I know to hear of some
child, healthy & not younger
than I. He might know
of something a little
nearer our own situation
than little Martha, I
shd have come fear of

Dear Harry I am will
tell you all our history so
I only write as usual to
make you the depositary
of my wants. Little Esther
Porter latterly appeared
so unhealthy that I did
not venture to bring her
here, so do I feel cautious
to have her again. By
what I hear of her she
seems to be of an un-
healthy constitution which
I was not aware of.
I am now therefore
again sadly in want
of a child, for the little
experience I have had
only makes me feel more
strongly than ever the
desirableness of a companion
for Blanch

I cannot but hope there is a good deal that is satisfactory in her, tho at the same time I see in her a tendency to jealousy & to appropriating every thing to herself. That I never saw to so great a degree in any other child & which often makes me very uneasy at the idea of leaving her without a companion which and I think, strengthen her faults more than any thing else. Joanna says to me why not be satisfied with her

cousins near at hand but how can I depend upon them, the little Ws are coming immediately to Philp Southwood Joanna herself is entirely to get her children out of town, thinking they are all suffering by it & if they stay it will be only for a few weeks, besides I am sick of heart at sending the child away to be petted & abused. I wd do it if convinced it is being for her good, but I am not, & I long for the independence of being able to keep her quietly at home,

unwittingly & doing her mischief, while
perhaps a child might be found
elsewhere to whom we might be
doing good. I did only ask it on
a visit. We had a good deal of
trouble with Esther, & I expect the
same or more with any other
child, but still I prefer it to
sending her away from us. Perhaps I can be as
other means saved keeping her alone.
There did he so advantage in
having a child not quite so near
home, as both father & mother were
a disadvantage both to me & the
child herself. I am sorry tell you
what a sad little form we
have got which much consoles
me for not coming with Sam
If the weather becomes a little
we shall be very happy

Rev Robertson

3 1829

as "one below" any all things that
you have more out of the Children's
contents wants it very much for a
Lesson,

Dear Fanny —

I have just received your Box for Mr Gimbernatt — with the bread for the poor Jewish making them into Anthropophagi that each other eat — I should have written sooner but put it off every day untill I had rec^d the poor man's letter — which somehow or other I never did till now — ~~that~~ ~~the~~ but I did on night call on Mr & Mrs Gillemand (unexpectedly & not having the letter in my pocket — Mr Gillemand who lately lived in Geneva, where he made many inquiry after Gimbernatt he heard of him, but could not get a sight of him — he spoke of him most affectionately & said he had offered his house as a home to him in England — but as to the Lodging

he could scarcely allow of its existence — It seemed to think for the forests, and under that pretext gave to support the poor manufacturer himself — What he must know himself — I could not of course be positive to the contrary but it is always quite as safe not to contradict Mr Fullmond, whose spirits are still easily excited — But if he is determined only to regard the letter as a begging letter, it is perhaps just as well that he should not be in it at all — He is aware of Fieldmouse's extreme poverty, & wishes to help him — but in his own way — I do not know where for our first now — as I have not seen or heard of him for several days — I don't know whether, if he is still suffering from the headache, it will be any comfort to remind him — that I was had an occasion

head ache for 2 years – from 1814 to 1816
& that it was cured by Dr Parry's severe
treatment at Bath, & seemed quite free
from complt. in the stomach & bowels – From
that time, with all my precautions I have
scarcely known that head ache is – Throughout
my family there seems to me to be a great
similarity of constitution – & perhaps feel an
aversion – but not strength enough to bear
hard work – I am suffering for having
tried to do all the good in my power
to everybody instead of my duty – I could hope to repair any part
of the good I have tried, & the
enjoyment I have often felt in — but
I certainly betrayed have never been
quite myself at Dalby – & now I
have everything left a burden to me —
I am packing up ready to go by the Coach

to read them. There is not enough yet
have been to buy reading other people's
time to find out the meaning of the comments
they we saw. Of that have only travelled
with Gentlemen & entering into society, we
hardly fancy the solitudes in which we
moved along, not even introduced in any
way we know they by our dull country
Dear not call on Monday & call to go
to Bittersea Rice, where I am engaged — but
yesterday to that, at the Week before I had
been rather gay — dinner at Harrets
Mebellis, where I met Jane Raikes & Mr R
Maria Thornton & Mr T — Poor Mrs Thornton
is far from well — Jane is thin but is
manner all the wise are — gay & kind —
When I have seen a good deal more than
Poor little Willey being very much exhausted by some kind of fever —
usual of Caroline — & heard since on
Wednesday last to meet the Mebellis &

with Carter & Jack on Sunday morning to
Tunbridge — My Journey has certainly done
me this good — that I feel much stronger
in the intervals of being ill — & I suppose
I brought on the attack which in so much shorter time than they used to
than last 2 months, by indulging in such
total indolence, after so much exercise — It
is very foolish — but upon the whole, I
begin to feel so much that I shall get into very
good health — It is surprising after I
recovered the effects of the passage & the
very hot weather at Brussels on the Rhine
how very well I became — All my trouble
left me — My eyes are quite well
If I thought it would take it I would
send you a little journal of my travels, but
in pencil, journal — much above —
to those who think themselves objects

Shaw & Polk — & Octavia Walton — All
new to me — & everything they told me —
news — Polk is a very amiable looking man
& seems very fond of Sam — Monday
I was at a party at Mrs Munkittrick's —
the Chantreys, D'Aranville, the Jaluzes
Fries, & what will surprise you, the
Cartwrights ([illegible] of the Dentists) had dined
there — He is very accomplished, they say,
& a great geologist — I have the straight-
forward simplicity of Mr & Mrs A in
seeing them, but before I knew who
Mrs C was, I had perceived as I walked
into the Room, that the high & mighty
dame sitting in the arm chair opposite
to her, was fitted de despit &
disdain — about something — This

stately lady as Mrs Grace – There were many other civil men to Stone-breakers – Dr Fitton – Mr Lyell – James Hall Esq – Have you heard that James Ho– Thesiger is positively to be Sir James has left the bar to become an Artist – I cannot make it out that he has given any proofs of that surpassing genius, which could alone help him to overtake his lost time – You know that Lady Mary is come home – I heard of her at Mrs Lockhart's – very entertaining but very pernicious – On Thursday I called with the Malthus's – & in the evening went with them to go to the Play – Lord Ferrall's Follies of Fashion – It is one like a bit of a novel ~~[illegible]~~ read out to Dudgeon – The characters all describe themselves in their talky talky – but the plot is next to

nothing — At last comes the moral — literally thus ~~that the~~ "Wife is over the Husband's head & the Husband has legitimate advice" — It was quite a relief to arrive at Boston in the Afterpiece — Since the play (show by the bye, ~~to~~ my dear Eleanor was paying my visit to Mr Mr Mrs Mellen & Hal — & I wish I could like Mr Jefferson well enough to include him, as he was one of the party —) my chief diversion has been reading the Exclusives tales d'un trait, one night that I was a little tired of Megalife — Perhaps I might find ~~them~~ them dull & flabby, entirely, & slowly swallowed, but I at present like it very much — The grand piece of advice throughout is not to "live by accident" — not to

sacrifice the finest actions of life to these
petty turmoils & vexations yet unexpected
conversations of society — By the Bye
you returned me a book the other day which must
certainly belong to Jo — Smoothing — Mrs
somebody's fragment in one volume — bought I think
here at half price — I will keep it — with
some few others that want binding —

Have you had any tidings of Eyre —

Denons — "Monuments des Arts
du Dessin chez les Peuples tant
Anciens que Modernes" —

It is reviewed in the
Foreign Quarterly & that is the little
4 large volumes — 310 plates — 254 of
these relate to the Italian German & French
painters — the others to Egypt China Greece &c
I think for — for having — misunderstanding
the might get — property for the of
letter — I sent Rosa Head
it does not arrive —
after a place the other day — At present I
in the torture of

packing & shopping — & she is my escort — for
the Housemaid here is ill — & as Miss Chester
used to say of ~~her~~ when I thought so much of
Charmian, her manners are most agreeable —
I met Mr Spencer at Dr's on Sunday. He
had a long ride with him into town — He
is entered into the Country & into himself
apparently — for he hardly talked at all on his own

Supposed to have
received an enclosure
at Boston

Mrs Nightingale

Mr Nightingale
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
England

SEP 7 1859

BOSTON
MASS

subject — He has not the intensely opposite
person — tho' he is otherwise a very agreeable
fine boy — caught a bad cold —
Pa — Ma — Flo
Best love to you dear Willie —
Ever yours — I will stay for my letter

that I should be any loss
to her. Miss Wood removed
into the room where I slept
Carter is making an effort
for Mr Abercrombie's love
in Kew Pk, but it is not
very likely to be accepted,
I suppose - he is their
nephew, quite a different
thing from what one is
compelled to think him
cousin Cara maybe. What
a pity that her pressure,
so engaging & softening to
every body else, shd have
a contrary effect on him
If Carter cd have a house
I think he wd quite in-
cline to our plan of treating
it of them when they were
out of town. I was going
to an outhouse when

Dear Harry, As I made my
complaining to you, I think
I ought to tell you that
am inwardly happy now
the Husband glad to have
one back, & the little home
looking very comfortable
to think the probability
is that I shall stay on
here till I go with you to
Ivybridge or shd any thing
prevent that till I go to
my Mother. Sam rather
perplexed how to arrange
my menage. My mother
very kindly offers me a
cook who has lived with
her several years, & is
an honest steady woman
I am sure, I am half in-
clined to take her, the wd
not want a kitchen
maid, but I thought of

Martha to help her & to
help Susan, Do you think
Martha wd like such a
place or do for it? this
wd be a cheap place as to
wages, it wd throw more
work on me, than such a
woman as Loft or Dickens
so I don't make up my
mind, but I think I shall
go to the place you men-
tion, to enquire for a cook
before I determine, but
wd like to know if you
wd think the place I
mention desirable for
Martha; Beaumont Loft
behaves perfectly which
is provoking as it makes
it more uncomfortable

to part with her. She has
not spoken a word to me
since I came except on
business & does every thing
very comfortably, I asked
if she had always behaved
as she does now I could
not desire a better servant
but she must go, & must
be cleared off before Blanch
& Susan return, tile I put
off speaking to her, tile I
have quite made up my
mind about staying at
home, & till I know a little
considered who to turn to
when she is gone, Sam
told her positively that
she was to go, so she is
prepared for it. Dear. Stop
you will not think I deserve
little Bo. but I did not feel

they are in it. He said very good natured this morning, when I sum was to they of taking me to see a house at Battersea "I shall not let you go there" but persuade papa to buy a house & then you will think of some plan of that kind." Poor little Lynch is strange to say a little better. Mr Blogden says they are quite perplexed, she is in such a state of excitation they do not think it possible for her to live, & yet the contraries, & is able to sit up, the poor leeches had quite made up their minds to lose her, but now it is impossible not to hope as poor Louise used to do. I saw Nicholson yesterday who had just been at a meeting of the London University where he said Gibbs spoke better than he ever heard him, & outstrone all the great men there. Nicholson means to think the Country in rather a precarious state, people don'e come forward with their money. I did not read the note to Biggs as I was not coming out of town Saturday. Now glad I am to hear that you continue better,

I have just had a letter from Mrs H Greaves. she seems very happy in her quiet life. I dare not tell her that the children have lost their father.

Feb 1830

Sam is thinking much of seeing you & R here, but I tell him you are not to come; or only for a day & 1/2 & R to be here while you are getting well,

Dear Fanny Marriane Thornton was in Patty's room yesterday asking for a kitchenmaid the place where we must always go to see company. I mentioned Martha but she said she thought 15 was much too young for their work & their wages 10 guineas - perhaps you might like to forward them Harriet Brunt & take another in her place - if she is pretty well - Do not write about this, I ~~will~~ only offer it for your consideration & will write to you in a few days. when I shall hear from her if there is no hope for Martha tho if they are engaged. I will enquire about hats to-day & if I can get them, they

shall go by Mrs Stalkd & the children on Saturday — I am so glad you are to have these nice little creatures & I hope you will have no other company till you leave Tubley. I go to Tunbridge Wells next to work, but the quiet life we lead here & the happy faces of all these dear creatures do me more good than I could ever do & thoroughly I want it it all — Patty is in a very happy comfortable state for her. she talks of disagreeable things & people with perfect calmness & does not fly to disagreeables

per preference, as usual with her when she is ill – she was in bed when I saw her yesterday but was intending to get up & walk & then have Marianne Skerrett to tea – Mrs Mallard came here yesterday looking poorly & having been disappointed of a place – young Shirley is for the present much better & walking about but the doctor gives none or very little hope. Mrs M is going to Mrs Melville & Raikes to-day I wrote to Mrs Melville for her –

My dear Fanny Julia is gone out & desired me to finish her letter. Miss Southwood Smith

begs me to thank you very much for your kindness in asking Jessie Taylor & to say that she has written to her Mama about her going. I have no doubt that Mrs Taylor will joyfully & thankfully accept your

2 Silkworm Mention

lead

Mr Sightingale
Embley
Romsey
Hampshire

invitation but as we shall not have an answer till to morrow I shall not be able to let you know whether she is to accompany the party to Embley on Saty

Wednesday

Yours affec
FNS

Hare Common. Tuesday 17th.
2 March 1830

My dear Fanny,

Thank you for your interesting & satisfactory epistle, & tho' I have plenty to relate in return, yet I feel you are in possession of all we know — you will I know be glad to hear, that my mind's head gains strength every day, & tho' I am still in minority of the school, from I cannot yet manage to eat any meat, yet I think by next Monday, when my 2 months expire, I must be a drawing Lady again, & particularly as the Masters are expected on Tuesday the 31st — Mr Solier has not yet taken his leave, but I suppose I must not expect many more visits as he has now ordered the use of hot salt & water, twice every day, with as much rubbing as I can give it, as thinking there is nothing else to be done, & depending on that to perfect the cure.

Miss Johnson came on Sunday, & dined, & slept
the two made Miss Carpenter, Mary Anne, & Lemon
very happy in the expectation of passing a
day with her, (which day the hope will be Saturday)
as more convenient to her, when Patty, & Ma,
come to Town, so the sooner you can fix it,
the more agreeable it will be, they are to have
the Learned Dog to amuse them, I suppose you
will be in Town in about a fortnight —
Now, I shall be much obliged to you, to
buy up Tilly for the 2 Mondays, & the
Money I left with Mrs Pentland to buy her
my girls is expended, to give her another half
Sovereign —. & Mary Ann Pope have 5 Shillings
more, poor creature I am sure she must want
it but at all events buy give it, as I know
not when I shall be at Dunbly again.
Your Mother is here as happy, & contented as a
Queen thoroughly enjoying herself in the meantime
my Father is equally happy without her Company,
coming down from Saturday till Mondays
I think he will stay till the 2nd for to Town

& I have just written to Freeman, to look out for a house for them, (Brook St if they can get it) from the 28th of April, for 6 weeks, they will give 30£ a week, provided there are Coach-house & stables.

You know the fate of the Carters, 'dull, dull' beyond measure, tho' a Coach house for the money & convenient for the Park, it is opposite Sir John Lubbocks, they take possession this week, & during the scouring we have had wood, & the 2 girls, from I heard on Saturday week, I am glad poor Sigismund has been of so much use lately. & I think Polly after all likes it I am sure her attendance on dear Boy, has done her good, it has caused an interest.

I heard from her yesterday she says, Mary is very fine, & that Eliza Stone is with her, & her Father is also expected in Town. I hope all this will not prevent her going out of Town with you at Easter, as I am sure she wants rest & change, tho' she may have at the Hermitage tho' not I fear at Sopley, but there I suppose she is also going –

Mrs. Clay, is coming to Town for 2 months

the 2d week in April. I hope dear Tom, yr
present will not be books, but something more
useful & congenial to their feelings. They
are to reside in the Country. I have not made
up my mind as to what I shall give, but
I have happily fixed for Tom Graham, a Scrap
Book! — into 2 or 3 choice scraps in it they are perfectly
to enjoy that sort of thing. They mentioned about
a fortnight ago at Dalzy-house, Lady Cornwallis
dined afterwards, & then set off 2 stages toward
Edmund Castle Morris wrote me word it is a
joyful event, which calls for heartfelt praise
to the Father of Mercies — he being her wish to Clapham
in April to introduce her to his Mother, who is
now staying with the Johns in Gower St. but on
the 16 of April, the day she leaves there, I am
to join her at Clapham, so I shall remain here
till then, indeed whenever I leave this 2d I shall
feel I am turning my back on home, for
indeed it has been more than a home to me,
nothing can have been more truly kind & affectionate
than they both have been during the whole of
my illness, which has not been a trifle, but which
has required the constant attendance of one
of her Servants, for 2 months, & I may say
for the first 3 weeks, night & day.

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Dear little Willie! what a nice letter he sent me & how glad I am he is with you, he does so thoroughly enjoy himself, for I do not recollect his jumping about so at home, & he is so very fond of Pretty, I like him for it, it shews a good heart, for she is very kind to him. I have sent her pretty letter for Aunty Burton to see, who has still a nook of kindness left for him –

Anne, has a frock for you to day, but no time as usual to finish it, so she desires I tell you how much she should enjoy seeing you all here, on yr road to Town, for I think you need rest from the hooping cough now – I do wish you would, Mr says, the Summer Cloth may be sent to Jeffrys when convenient, he supposes M. will be glad to get rid of it.

Are you really going to part with Betsy? did I tell you that Betsy Goodall is living in a Public house –

Wish you would think of Mrs Wilmer for the washing at Lion Street, she would I think be comfortable there, & she is a good woman. – What a creature that Burton workman has turned out – I hope she will leave the Lion.

Gio. saw Ben yesterday & he certainly sails on the 1st of April from Portsmouth he has taken his passage, Bag & Baggage so this will open the Edward Cortes Mystery. Only think that your Mother pretends to say she had no idea of his situation till I came told her the other morning which she did because she was always saying she wished Ben would take Adams with him — & what a wish for a Mother for whatever Adams is surely one would not put a Son to live with another Son, who is known to live in vice.

It is now settled that Mr Compton must go on the 27th of April & Mr Compton writes word that he leaves England for Paris on the 28 — taking both his daughters for 2 months, they open there school in July — fancy what a day for Anna! for I cannot conceive a greater Cap such a nice person as theirs cannot be found easily again, she has seen such quantities, such fine Misses Girls! — nothing satisfactory as yet but turns she goes again to Town in hopes of meeting with one, who may do —

Adieu dear Fanny — love to Mrs Purtly, Tilly & dear little Willy — yrs affectn

M. Cortes.

to judge between good & evil. Pray don't
repeat what towards so very exclusive
& conceited in poor me, who did not make
an acquaintance if I wished it <u>ever so</u>
So return to my poor little Blanch, I think
Charlotte & she had better stay at R. Hill
Joan leaves it on the 1st of March,
which is only a week longer than I had
fixed, If Charlotte is of any use to
Joan it will be ill natured to take her
away the last week when Joanna and
not like to get a nurse, & all her
servants will be busy packing.
Then I thought Charlotte & Blanch might
go to Embley where perhaps you will
have had the kindness to have engaged
a little Pike or little Grandchild
& bring it to town or if you & Miss Christian
are satisfied with it perhaps there
might be some opportunity of sending
it to town with Miss Christian perhaps.
I will take care about
the children, I wish I cd find you a
housemaid, Shall I send to Newman's
or another place that Anne sends
to for servants, I fear I am quite

likely to hear in any other area. I am
very well, but not so well as I have
been, I have pain & oppression which
is always relieved by medicine, & I am
quite well for some time, then it comes on by
degrees till I am again obliged to have
recourse to medicine, & I am getting to
be quite dependant, a habit I much
deprecate, & yr experience mention
thing about of an actual dose
which after relieving you has the contrary
effect till you are obliged to take another
I am is dining at Col Stoneis today Mrs
Hibbert on Saturday - ~~I dread~~ I think
little Pike much lks likely to be a cor
than Thomas Grahams child. Good Mr
Thos Pike did not lke torment themselves
or me about original sin, while in the
other case the bad father & good mother
might be equally difficult to please,
We got so afloat on the sea of doctrine
& texts, that I really forgot the simple
question wd I do any harm for a glass or 2.

deluge & another immediately after, but is not this saying that an evil spirit sends all mankind into the world such as they are, while a good spirit saves a few by regeneration. Kate is gone to Hall to her brother's. She is really partially deranged. For her sake the best one can hope is that fain drive her to drink & drinking to derangement. I am still looking out for a maid to be placed into a house. I shall need to bother you much more, yours &c. Sunday.

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Mrs Nightingale
Embley
Romsey Hants

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PENNY

I ought to ask that question now, but I think little Stephen better, or if she fails, I put my hope in Her Lordship. Maria Graham really thinks there is nothing but evil in the heart of man till he is regenerated. Her chief argument seemed to be a text applying to the world before the

Mar Smith to Fanny -
re Blanche's moral development
as an only child

and not be much of a man
fancier. If I meant to dispose
I shd like to take the little
thing with me for ever. There
have been many instances I
want some counteraction
to many disadvantages,
Shd you object to my
bringing her as a visitor
to you, & do you think
at Embley the nearness
of her home wd interfere?
I do think of this plan
with very great interest
for I have never yet had
Blanche with me with
out the dis-couraging
feeling that nothing that
I cd do, could remedy

Dearest Fanny. I am quite
ready to wish at the little
Pet, I can see no objection
except the fear of disturbing
child harm, I shd be sorry
for the sake of Blanche to
damage little Martha &
give her a distaste to her
home, but I will hope that
wd not be the case, & that
in some respects we might
be of use to her. I have tried
to turn it all over in my
mind very carefully but I
shd think it wd do Blanche
harm instead of good if
there were any difference
in the treatment of the 2
In dress & in every little
particular I shd wish them

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to be quite on a par.
It is one of poor Blanche's
failings consequent on being
an only child that she
dwells so much on detailed
"I" & "mine" & I have always
thought if I cd get another
child I shd try as much as
I cd to confound these little
properties, so as to lose this
feeling of appropriation as
much as possible. Women
Blanche would take it not
much more seriously than
Martha's with the exception
of one bargain gown bought
to please the ambitious Pa,
& I shd think Martha might
wear duffield & stuff &
brown holland without injury
to her morals. As to the

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pleasures of the table
I shd think probably
Martha's indulgence to her
farm boys in quantity than
Blanche's in Duke St. time
Dr Jeffson restricted us so
much, I shd not like to spoil
any time but very occasionally
I shd like to have the
child till I have one of my
own of 2 years old. Till
that time I am afraid it
wd be worse a subject
for any little tyrannical
feeling than a companion.
I am afraid that is the
very earliest time at which
one cd look for any com-
panionship, for instance
Alice & a child a year older
than Harry

the disadvantage of her being alone.
I do not wish to be singular, however
this notion may fail like many other
but then I shall feel that I have done
my best & must submit. My present feeling
is that I wd give my time & attention
to these children with all my heart & I
am fit for nothing else, Sam & I certainly
appear, to me to suit à merveille consider-
ing that we are as different as most
people. He is very gay, dines out, his fetes
at home, is in the world in a morning,
& is not sorry to spend a good many
evenings with quiet me, who see
neat to nobody. Then people say, but is
that doing yr duty to yr family? If
I had one to take care of, I believe it
wd, in my care. Sam knows many good
& pleasant men, & I hope he will keep
them up till my family is old enough to
profit by them & their families, but pale
the minor. I know among his friends,
I dont feel that there are with whom
I wish, if I wd, to be in habits of in-
timacy, nor that I wish my children
to grow up with theirs tho I wd like
them to be able to have them as ac-
quaintance or friends when old enough

Dear Fanny

Pow read yr letter to himself & a very nice letter it was he afterwards that is this Morn talked over its contents with Nurse - but the reading at the time is always enough - He goes on in the same quiet way for which I am most sincerely grateful but still we are not to flatter ourselves yet - He has lost his Cough I may almost say Pulse down to 96 for 2 days - better than it has been since he came to this House. Tongue better - moves in his bed with less pain - Stomach softer Clarke & Chambers came together yesterday & the sentence was "we must under happier circumstances" - Thank dear Bessie for her letter of this morn I am going to take a bride - yr affn

WMBC

Wednesday Evening
write this long letter
I have heard from Mrs.
Church of a little 2½
girl that may do
I am going to see it
tomorrow but dis-
appointments are so
common, that I consider
it quite uncertain,
so I send my letter to
you. as I may still be
thankful for little Mark
this is a child a step
above her in intellect
Mrs is decided
Bessie is ready to bind-her

[illegible] had a very pleasant drive to Winchester, [illegible]
[illegible] with the exception of a drenching [illegible]
[illegible] the Sunday, when we had a Mr Coffin preached
[illegible] sermon. We had just heard of the death of a niece
[illegible] Joseph who had been very an invalid and at
last quite sudden of an ovarian fever. They talked
of Southampton but to think it would be their first return
home. We looked out upon the river Itchen in
a beautiful glowing sunset — the opening of the door
turning imperceptibly while I stood and [illegible] to see
Blanch's [illegible] I saw you [illegible] me
observing. I did not [illegible] my
word to be about home. [illegible] Mrs Wade [illegible]
the usual remarks, papa has [illegible] long to the home
as for knitting about herself but she seems to think
her interested in playing with the children since Neil
went away. There are very [illegible] — The remainder
[illegible] very good, worthy, [illegible] playing with
Blanch during the little time I was in the house
Mrs Wade seems to give us trouble. Dreadful children but
much as usual. [illegible] All [illegible] this but [illegible] bright
[illegible] the eyes upon the [illegible] very
improved. Little bit [illegible] fashion I suppose but they call
for much better than she has been. Mrs Wade very [illegible]
cheerful. Tuesday morning there was a general [illegible]
in the room [illegible] a beautiful morning [illegible] spent
some [illegible] in the grounds with. The little [illegible]
work [illegible] and the children [illegible] to the
[illegible] make their pretty little goodbyes to Chester
then left us [illegible] with the [illegible] Arrived safely upon
the evening, in which I had taken no [illegible] there was a
[illegible] in it [illegible] the [illegible] knew the introduction [illegible]
a comfortable [illegible] Solomon's man [illegible] Reply — & 2 others
[illegible] most part of the way & we did very well

Mr Mallock & I have a good deal of ~~talk~~ gossip as we walk along. He talks of Gale & his ~~[illegible]~~ & qualities. I thought very fair. He has not the good word & spoke rather and particularly in Martha's favour than in the others which I was glad to hear as there had been suspicions. She said the old lady was very fond of Gale & I was quite satisfied with her. He promised to call & let me know about her sister's son. He accompanied me as far as the door as Charing X to ask for the fare. He put the things in my & to say there was a turkey & ducks. He put the things in a quiet & comfortable place & then we & we were at Duke St in a quarter. I rang the door bell & the door, I went up to Joanna in the nursing ~~[illegible]~~ She was dressed to go down to Mrs Carter & Mrs Boyd who arrived Monday, & is going to Paris. Back to Joanna. Looking worn & pale like a person who has been crying about anything all the day & could not master herself to take off her [illegible] belief. Mary looks to me considerably better. There is no difference in the complexion, & the she is but very [illegible] quite well. Dr Gentile has gone today, she might try I will but he thought it [illegible] & the [illegible] not incline much to it. I wish she would longer & you too. I think the expence only prevents her.

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Miss Nightingale

The box you sent to Florence a week or more ago had not arrived when I was at L.O.

of a bustle; that she seems
not feel overtone as I
do, by nothing, which I
attribute to having
had such a stupid
quiet life for my 18th
25 years. However I mean
to improve & to be up
to all things in my old
age, so don't tell any
body of these little com-
plaints against myself,
which is merely one
Sunday's confession -
Dear little Bob grows wise
but more sentimental. It
is quite droll to see how
decidedly the preference has

My dear Harry, I was just
going to write to my Mother
to say that I could not get
ready to go on Friday with
Olga, but that I shd wait
bring me, at Easter, when
yr letter arrived & set us
all agog to spend Easter at
Enfield. I have written to
my Mother to offer my visit
& if she takes it pretty well
we accept yr amiable
invitation for Easter, & I will
go with the youngsters into
Derbyshire. The temptation
was not to be resisted, but
I fear poor Mother will be

much disappointed as
she has been writing letter
after letter to beg me to
come with Eliza & was
to have met us at Derby
on Saturday. If she is
sorely disappointed I think
Babe & I must go to her
as soon as we can but
I should much prefer that
Sam had not his Easter
at Enbeg, particularly
as he is to go to Sutton at
Whitsuntide. Sam now
intending to mean Bab
before I go. I do long
unspeakably for a little
perfect rest in the country
out of the reach of hawks
or dogs or people overhead
& with a good atmosphere
to breathe. I have been
crying this morning over
my sins & particularly
over my being such a
very poor creature as
to be tired with so very
little reason, for how
much more Joanna &
every one of you get
through with much less
more health. I think
if I can, I will bring
up the Bab in something

most unexpected day on
Wednesday morning
without giving any
reason, I wrote to Annie
her, & to tell her that
she must either be offended
or have found her visit
disagreeable, & that in
either case I wd rather
she told me so openly,
she assured me she was
not offended but wd
give no reason. so I
can only conclude with
Offley that she is "a fool
his own words, or that she
had some delicate reason which
she found it impossible to reveal
to any body else. but
night we had her coming
in the dark, in the middle
of the night, she wd take
no comfort that Murray
or I cd give her, but as
soon as he took her, she
laid her head on his shoulder
dropped a few quiet tears
upon him, & then went to
sleep. the letter that you
gave us has been done up
beautifully. I am afraid
poor Ben improves very
slowly, there has never
been a day warm enough
to remove him. Joanna
took tea on Friday

to make various calls,
but we only saw Mrs
Marshall. Mrs Walker &
Mrs Blake, the 2 former
look miserably, they
talked much of their children
I like them both much.
Mrs Blake gave Joanna
a character of a school
which verily is much
wanted for Jock. Did
I tell you Eliza left us
in the most extraordi-
nary abrupt manner fortnight
at the end of 2 days.
though she came for a
fortnight, When first
she came I took her for
a night to Thomas Bank
that we might not turn
out Carter, whether that
offended her, or whether
she feared her presence
was disturbing our do-
mestic peace, of which
reasons for suspicion
she might have plenty
unknown to me, must
for ever remain a secret
she certainly behaved
most singularly, the
details are too long for
these pages, but we have
all, including Mr Rose
& the Offleys, chased
her & laughed at her
no little. She left us

Mr Thomas is delightful. I hope he will come to you. I was not surprised to hear him say that he meant to go to N.S. Wales. Leaving his children behind him, I did not be surprised at a man being willing to go a greater distance from such a dog. But he, good man, seems all mind left to them, & laughs at them on with them as is convenient. I know few people so agreeable as he is when one has him quite or nearly alone. I congratulate myself that I have gone on with Patty in these numerous interviews we have had quite harmoniously, she has quite left me in charming me, & has made me really sorry for her & enraged at her Mother, who does not allow her a fire in the drawing room to receive her friends in a morning, but lock & women, be they who they will on to go into her little miserable room.

she thinks the quietness of it compared to Regent St will do her good. She is a common place sort of person in many respects, but her good nature, warmth & friendliness are quite engaging when compared to Elegia, & setting comparison aside. I like her a good deal & pity her exceedingly. She does not improve much in health but is always lying down, with a pain in her back under Dr Clarke's care. Sam & Carter are gone to Wm Sam today to meet Mr Howe who drives & sleeps there. Best love to Jane, Yr affte Mr.

Dear Fanny What is to be done with Mr ~~[illegible]~~ Howes a new pair lying here? I believe Sam Howe comes to you for 1 or 2 nights: Thursday or Friday next.

Shd you mind my asking Capel to run down for a day or Carter? the poor boys & Agriculture &c will be plentiful subjects. If you do not mind, send me a line to him. It seems quite uncertain whether we come or not at present. But I hope much it will do them most. Yrs affy. J.J.

She is afraid to run the risk of ordering it, because she thinks you & Mr. and Mrs. come home, & she thinks so fine better than a Mother. What a melancholy connection. I have been thinking dear, would you come into our house when you are in town, you might dine at Joan's to escape our 7 11 look. You need not have any scruples except about yr own convenience as we shall be away, & I am too glad to have you, is I shall say no more, trusting you will do it without hesitation if you do not dislike it. Mrs Offley has promised to occupy it for a fortnight at Easter from the 15th if she is in town so long, but she will be gone before you come. I like her & am very much interested for her, & very glad she accepts the loan

I should like having her, but don't feel the inclination for a great many Parkers & Miss Brown tho' I like them so much particularly the former when comfortably in the house with you but not on one's mind in London. I think I shall go to Ham a little. You may be sure I shall be too happy to have a sight of my lad I have felt this separation more than any & hope never to be another year without some corner to put her in out of London & depend upon her coming if possible I think must be the case, she will be some care to Miss C or you. We enjoy the Promenade so much, but don't get on fast, even that can't keep Sam under when he is tired, Monday Miss Johnson dined & slept, Tuesday Father dined & Mr. Marshall in the evening. Wednesday

I hope that the Weather & Roads may
come to Blandford till tomorrow week

? 1831

Mrs Bp

a good read. Thursday Sir Hume Drummond
Baring, Wigram, Cotter Mr & Mrs H. Marshall
very merry & went away after dinner, asked except
the) & on those terms. I like having them very
much.

he says she did enjoy a visit at Enfield if the Sundamores give her time for which she is not sure. I hope it makes no differ, but I still think perhaps we had better go with Joan to N. Jah. tomorrow he is to be at Ham. & only takes for a week with us.

Dear Nanny, How very glad I am to hear such an encouraging report from Dr. H. but now, dear, you will not want to go to Hubbridge, to drink Bath water, if Papa don't think for me is it. Mary rightly said when I read him "I see you are tag it" & I don't feel at all anxious about it. I have been rather out of heart about myself this

much, the rack seemed so much better after the first bath, but it returned & the 2d did not do it any good, but fatigued me excessively since that I have had a cold, & have not been, but today I think I shall make another attempt. Dear, I cannot bear the idea of leaving Julia on Blanch's account as she wishes to come to town, she has done my work for 5 months, & I shall never be easy in my mind if she does not come away with Mrs Richard as she wishes it. The proposer leaving B with Miss Christie but don't you think that wd be too much for Miss C? I do dislike it & shd be much obliged for one honest word from you which shd determine me to have her up for I cannot leave town till I see Bridges which I have hopes will be Tuesday.

? 1831

Mrs Nightingale

Dearest Fanny, Here we are very happy with our dear boy. She is looking as rosy & bonnie as we could desire thanks to the good air you have been giving her for 6 months. Your little body looks very well, she is so constantly with the flock that I am not on intimate terms enough with her to be able to give any account. I can only say that she gave me a pleasant greeting when I arrived & seems to have a sort of kindly feeling for me when we meet, which I liked to see because as I do nothing for her, it cannot be

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called a selfish affection.
She seems very happy.
I have only one thing
of her apart from
the rest, she came to read
something to me out of
Miss Christie's letter. She told
me you had said you wished
to see her, but that you
thought it better to let
her stay with her cousins.
I asked what she felt
about it herself & she
said she thought she felt
better for being with them.
Julia arrived the day before
we came away, & I was so
busy packing &c that I
had scarcely time to see
any thing of her. I like
having Sara Brydges very
much & hope she will
stay with us till Whit-
suntide. If you are so
naughty as to come to
London, we shall depend
upon seeing you, & at any
rate, – I expect to get
well soon because I am
taking secrets which always
cured me, but whether it
will be a permanent cure
remains to be proved. Blyth
seemed to think the thing very
obstinate & was quite decided
in giving me this medicine.
I am very glad to hear such
continued good accounts of
you. Dear Good Bye & God bless
you.

tantalized state just now. Sam has got the Caledonian Canal & another little Canal, salary £250 now if he were really to receive that sum, we shd accomplish easily the summit of my wishes, a lot, a garden & a house but perhaps the Canal may be given up altogether, or if not I suppose the salary will certainly be lessened for the present month he considers its overpaid, but the Roads & Bridges give him a great deal to do, & is underpaid. The Carters don't seem to object to the idea of a joint London house, if they cd meet with one, we to be in our cot when they are in town, but Sam is afraid of being dependant & overloaded, & their meeting with some is very uncertain, so our fates are very doubtful.

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Dearest Nancy, I thank you very much for what you say about our Easter week, but for 1 or 2 reasons I think it wd be better for us to go to E. Oak, Joan wd take me & bring back Blanch & me, Sam has never seen that country & Easter seems such a favourable time for it, no shooting, & any thing to prevent his taking a thorough ride with Carter every day & if Carter goes to Portsmouth, he wd go with him, which wd also be a very good thing for him & dear we have & shall come to you so constantly that it is rather well to take one opportunity of not attaching you. I hope most of yr

things will come by Gladwin
I am coming not to be on the
spot to see off the things,
but I left a memorandum.
Joan says that Eliza Giffard
has "Conversations d'Emilie"
& wd be proud to lend them
the theatre it a pity to buy
them. Sam will send Carter's
Parker's pamphlet if he is
in time this morn. it is odd to
be bought. I meant to have
bought "Elements of Thought"
on Friday before we came
away, but Joan's husband
& Clemence
chez Madame Jacques took
all our time, & I have not
got the prints from Seymour St.
I hope the other things will be right.
With respect to Cambridge, Dear
Blagden's recommendation or
rather consent was so slight,
that I shd be very sorry if you
were influenced to go on my
account, but if I hear of yr
going on yr own, I shall gladly
take the opportunity of joining
you. I am disheartened at
finding myself so nearly if not quite
where I was, & I
jump at any chance however
slight it may be, but I
consider it so slight that I
don't feel it worth while
for any body to step out
of the way to give it me, Patty
is here, ill & out of humour;
4 pairs of yr brothers & sisters
were upon head yesterday,
this hospitable house. We had
such a delicious day yesterday
in the garden & in Richmond
Park. I feel rather in a

Dear Pan. Mrs Wood says nobody can give less trouble than Flo & I cannot help thinking (in the course of the one day that I have seen her) that she is improved - more natural - & I do not perceive that she is worsed by being moved out of her little first floor Room into a double bedded upstairs (with Mrs. Wood) So do not disturb yrself as far as we or she are? is concerned her state seems perfectly happy - & very well as to health. Our bad ones have all colds & Hilary a large swelled gland under his chin which is going to be leeched having kept its place obstinately for a full month unmoved by a (very mild) course of medicine, lotions, Oil, & Plasters under 2 medical men - Whichever here & Julius at Ham. Mary is going for a long History Shope. How we spent 2 bustling days in Duke St returned to Ham Wedy & Down here Thurs a sweet day & nice ride but left Poor Patty ill - sick of Ham & going she sd to Town We stay here till Monday fortnight (the House of Holidays) then go to No 4 Spring Gardens

Mrs Abercrombies last year now Mrs Carr who takes for one
so weeks abt ½ what she asked for "after Easter" –
I think C gives abt 22 p/week without Stables. Perhaps
you have not heard that the Lyelights have lost their 2d
Daughter She had been long an invalid but died
after a weeks illness of a fever – She was here in
Oct for a fortnight – a nice girl & her family
will feel the loss very much – It is a pleasure to think
that she enjoyed her visit very much there. & often said
Sara seems happy & looks well & not at all a change –
I will not say so of the Pabks entire now! – Carpets up
& Covers off & only a Kitchen Maid & no room
for any body to come in to amuse them! &
every day I feel less & less inclined for Ladies Company –
I have not seen anything of her for years – Fanny seems
better certainly & her Babe is a nice creature – Annie
looks small & poorly. now on my lap

Bill Lyelight said to Bonnet "Did you
tell the mistress I'm well?" Bonnet
the footman (who retired my seat) I
for as I told her to do. I
very little time with her in
the are for giving us this
Frozen Stone and
Water Tortoise. Wouldn't Rollo
some stone walk round the
3 Bears & Chief Outlaw (an
Sad Cyn Bright Stone but for
an Earth Centaur. The "and
we the" the dear little other
Be Thee Blessed Stone

Blandford Square – Wednesday – 21st

My dear Fanny,

I have now time to thank you, for the trouble you have taken on my behalf, & your wish to see me, which I feel equally with you, but the fact is, my place was taken & paid for last Monday for the Prairie, is always so full, that it is needful to speak in time – & another reason is, that I have only just one month at my disposal, to have the moon to light me home again, as I am engaged to spend the first two weeks in November with the John Grotons, at Eastham, & not having seen the Sea for six years, I do feel inclined to accept their kind invitation – I wish I could bring my mind not to object to the conveyance

I mean, till it brings us to Boston

of a Coach, but I am sure I never shall, nor do I approve it, as I think I have often told you, tho' I have always been fortunate in my company —

Mrs Shortroot has again sent me an invite, to visit her this year, & had I found my visit to the Hanfords, & Morton & taken a Carriage from Derby, I should in that case have spent a day or two with her, but never like I handles out of a Coach, or Hack at the Oxton door — so much for Miss Carter's pride! but what is to be done dear Tom, for I know I have a great deal in my composition which ought to be rooted out by some kind advisor —

I should indeed have been glad to have had a convers with you before I made my appearance at the Hart, for I am by no means satisfied about

Matters, & I wish I may find a letter
from you on my arrival - I have
just heard from Fanny Kidgrove, telling I
will take Rose Cole again, for poor
Grandmother is so unhappy she did
not see Mrs Nightingale again to speak
about her -. I had a most satisfactory
morning at Clapham yesterday, dear I Di-
is much better, & I trust will not
alarm her complaint this time,
& I should not wonder if I, went first,
she is so aged, & anxious - if you
can lend enough to send any Game,
pray have it directed to me here,
& I will desire Charles, to forward it
to Clapham -

What a sweet present you have made
Mr Richmond! & what a pretty group they
are all much pleased I am there the
other morning, I was there by appointment,
~~the other morning~~ to pop my opinion
on her head in Chalk, by Richmond
it is life itself, but what a deadly hue
Chalk is here. Yet there the force is
only 5 guineas - They are to be opened
on Wednesday the 28 -

hope you will not hurry home –
Carlen dined with us on Sunday in high feather
at Wembley yesterday & there we met
Mrs & Miss Grove there –. I must now away to
Rhodes today, picture in hand. I hope I shall not
make any mistake but if you come I am my
stupid – th'olog'y & coffee – mean coffee

Mr R eyes are very bad but you must not
mention it for Papa is a difficult person to
manage – I like the young man better at home
than abroad & shall see him frequently with
his Sisters –
I rejoice you are writing that we get
satisfied, & as all are more than happy
as I believe, write me word, at Dorsby I do

Dear F. As such quantities of writing are going to go Quarter to day I will postpone mine. I am very fairly - C the same in appearance but tho here alone, more dry - wh of month than when I was with him last - very cheerful & contented. going to town & Cambridge in a weeks - before that we expect some Nies & Ben to shoot & the B Phillips's. The Grahams do not come. I have sent for the 2 Wilkinsons & Tom to come this week. Mr & Jenny are so kind to All that you are to have him for a while there

Coalbank Ms. leaves the house at 8 - 10 we have

Lottie & Clot

Forbes

Dear Fanny

Mulvane is dead

in the Brewery a letter for Stella

Rise & read to me

happened but

& loved that

me that I was too happy to

this whole story of her

her subject to many years

sure for the beginning

Lucy. Lizzie's

Communication

Cambridge

Coldwater

Belleville

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I have encouragement from my medicals but who wd not encourage. I do not listen much to it. I may stay here till end of Mar certainly my lady says so spend Xmas here, right. Say you will come then or before & I hope Mrs D. will come & make the girls work —

farewell I hope to hear soon again that wonderful decidedly better. Was I to have done anything more about the 40 that you lent me? I find C has sent it

dear Fanny
ever affec ally
Sunday MMC

was called in mind & she had all the second de la [illegible] from her priest it [illegible] for. Her suffering was dreadful, but she was patient herself & had her consciousness to the last. Called them all round her bed & she could not speak pointed to their breast & laid the [illegible] before to show that she had seen him there. I like this girl wonderfully & was much interested in her story. She says her father has it were but is often very irritable like their father to be about [illegible] it is not kind. [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] Southampton [illegible] Gosport. [illegible] then perhaps will be [illegible] is too [illegible] hope we signed from the wedding to [illegible] Shore [illegible] sister [illegible] vibrating [illegible] prospering [illegible] for the primrose [illegible] Mrs Good [illegible] girls they both [illegible] I [illegible] Alice [illegible] Bertha [illegible] Montraine [illegible] married [illegible] with [illegible] the brother is now friends [illegible] as [illegible] French teacher has [illegible] scholars. Baby is [illegible]

that may I find worthy to pass in an unfeathered letter, but I think I may say that I do more sincerely wish that the pleasures we have had here have to equal, I do not think there are happier habitations than these, either in their cottage aloft or fastening as Rosalyn would say, of the very varied circumstances of these gardens & grounds. This morning I made it a point of the little ones went to the Clifford's he was out, but his dog received them with the greatest politeness little Mary tells - & they had a luncheon set out in his house. Next Sir Thomas on the hill side, I thus ended he for 1st time to join this party. Generally she rules the hour supper but tonight we changed. "Do you go home yet that I" says Beatrice when I go to her for my parting kiss. Soon Serjeant Gf comes & drilled on the terrace, I saw you thanks for the drilling you gave me, it has in time, but I must follow up the your friends may remark or dominion the fate. I wish I could set thy golden before your friend's eye, the green lawn, garden blazing with bright colours the & a little Vesuvius flaming out of the leaves in the rear school, which Italy, those calls it the House of Commons, sits on the side, floats Puff & smoke on another "that we have a rail road" to say Puff, but the majority in it Dahlias very handsome, those growing out of a bed of the rhododendrons, morning fog, with only, all the thing, thread in your the wide hence of your flower garden, fully, towards rearing their drooping heads to Lord Tomely, an expedition is planned for Don to Honeycroft, every body admires his indefatigability with his hard, so he remains the fortnight, but meanwhile he likes hope to walk as travelling his own before when he has done this, Julia takes him out with a

little feeble supply they wants before I have time
to find them out. I do hope that your Dr will let
you off in 3 weeks, we cannot think it. Do you re-
member our drive to Norwich Castle by moonlight? You
have many comforts in your disagreeables & each day
some will bring out some pretty tint here ready for
your return, Do you see any pretty tints in the way of winter
goods for Ben Stone & Bobby, Puff is to wear out the old hats for I accept
in copying sketches for Jessie, I think the baby a great pet
the often tormented by some strange diabes which makes her long
to exchange pleasures for pains we remember in going to Blandford

Miss Elizabeth
Rawlinson Stone
Kensington

23 Sept 1836

but set apart
with what for
which I am your sister

but the only question he asks with interest is
"which is the shortest way home, it seems as
brisk as a widower may be. he has not slept one night
I think I am every - Pretty boys wait so briskly at dinner
at a certain Palazzo where I once was I could not
help thinking of Walter's sigh for a potato while
the table was covered with unattainable luxuries then

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22 Sept 1836

Dearest, How kind to think of my wardrobe when you ought to be free from that as from the sight of your cares. It is a relief to my anxious mind to think of the black satin gown in the trunk, because Sir Hardinge Giffard is frid, & tho a brave man, he might be frightened at my gown. Lady's letter from Carter in answer to his offer to take both the children, says that he is quite prepared for a little solitude & does not wish her to stir. We are very happy, nothing can be more easy & agreeable than our life, still dear Papa is entirely happy as I should like to see her, the general

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for a settled life & energetic employment is strong upon her so strong that the carriage has by much that the horses & expense. She is earnestly desiring to come in for Blandford from where so much must be paying & while your mother plainly wishes to defer her coming I feel glad of every week that the longer away for whatever her feelings may be, I cannot doubt that it must be better for her to be here, particularly as whenever she goes it will probably be to stay through the winter. Yesterday Gifford & Ted to dinner, the former quite cheerful & agreeable, today the babies have been in high glee, seeing the letting fly of the food, their amusement was great. I asch Gafe [illegible] Coombe's mother very ill, & the doctor said (next house to the school) may the have something from the house - Hamby whom you visited in a decline is dead. Gale wrote about the chest you took her, was it intended to be lent or given. Gale says he has any thing of it. Keys of piano & tea-pot state not forthcoming - & complains of the coffee, oil also bad. Both come from Romsey may he get some from Southampton - Also may he get tea from there or may he use Mrs Carter's tea. If cold weather comes Mrs must not forget that Miss Nightingale's flannel petticoats are very thin. Flower garden beautiful, I wish I had time to write you a journal of the flowers as they come out. It would be an

from turns his boys out on the terrace & you hear Latin & Greek out of the trees where they establish themselves to learn. It seems to me that it is a most cheering companion for I think I see the dull current of Sam Nicholson's thoughts a little stirred. The handsome easy darkness of his life is I am sure much varied by his visits here. Fran is very silent but I believe he is comfortable. Mr Gifford took him a walk yesterday, it is said to me he showed a very interesting & excellent co entirely shut up & narrowed by his doctrines. He did say to Julia that it was a great pleasure to him to see that people who did not hold his doctrines could be earnest in wishing to seek the truth, an idea which he said had never occurred to him before. There is a nice letter from Lane today, Mrs Lane's cousin. Baby flourishes Pop's little dog enlightening the drawing room with its bright eyes. Sergeant Grove is out for to doctor the boys. Good bye dears I hope you are all cheerything. Yr affec

W.M.

Tunbridge Tuesday —

Of all the young ones at present Bee & Shore give most food for philosophical consideration. The Bunny is very hopeful too & there is none bad among them so not one spite of all the ugly people can say. Here is the physical theory of another life. I think to read it much. Love to dear Pop. I look at her curiosities in the odd times of tea & tea in her little room. This little bottle furnishes much amusement to the little bodies this morning they have taken its portrait

Mrs Nightingale

22 SEP 1836

Pamkeen Sept 22nd 1836

Mrs Nightingale

Lansdowne Hotel

Leamington

S Bankeen Carter

Dear Fanny. I was most pleased with yr nice clean of girls on Sunday. & still try to make my acquaintance with some of your pretty friends. among whom there has been so strange I believe since days with you. Your good husband looks well & full of life & is the most agreeable man I know by long far, but I fear seems very grave to be here without you. I keep looking & listening for you everywhere & when. & how the flowers got into the pots or the little good books into the tray on the table I cant devise. The confusion of babies & cats & half naked men in the mud this morning & they have been emptying the pond & catching all the living things

comes to me for an hour's
little lessons, but today his
bright eyes looked quite
hot & watery after it. He
he seemed certainly to
have used them. I see
your little sponge scarce
twice a day. & at night
paint his eyelids with a
little Opodeldoc of the Bedding
They have a 3d walk with
me before dinner, then
their bed for 2 hours which
I like much better than
the morning, they are more
tired & ready for it, then
another walk, now
thankful I am to have
Dearest Mary Presuming on
the well known darkness of
ink & pattern again begins
to write upon nothing. Miss
Barrett is quite recovered, phenomenal
gentle weather, for most to fetch
her from Romney, Father, Alf
leaving the rest of the little
regiment at work with Jesus
Grace, to whom with much
better grace than I could have
expected they submit. It is
really pretty to see them, &
he is to come every day -
Again a little line from Joanna
says that you will not be
here in 3 weeks, I hope you
will get all the good you
can out of Ilfracombe & the
waters, for it is such hard
work to go to them that
once there, &c. &c. - By the
command, I write today
to ask the Rich mass

any or all, Sir Rendered them
has been offered to Edward Carter
& declined — I dare say we
shall be very happy with
them, I am sure we are
very happy without them.
I am glad to hear Mr Rodney
& I hope brings Porter back,
the moonlight last night was
beautiful. I hear Frankie
who seldom takes his
eyes from his book, but
if he does see any thing
uses it with pleasure. A
letter from your mother to
Jane today encourages her
to stay, your mother talks
of going to Belle Vale,
I hope this will utter
ly put into not wishing
to go to town at present
Poor dear I do not expect
to see her quite happy in a
life which she feels deadly
& unsatisfactory while
the best energies unemployed,
but I believe she would
enjoy much less in town
with the fretful & the
cold than Ellen where she
is so loved & valued. I
dare say Jemima will be
anxious to have her at
Ditcham this autumn if
the determines on a new
government, & Julia seems
a little yielding to the idea
the children come go out
before breakfast, after it
Papa & Kate come to the
Boudoir breakfast, then
out again, then those

this interest in life, there are moments when such an interest inspires one to long to do all that one's nature may do, & to feel every passing moment deeply interesting, but one is cramped & lowered by habits & little difficulties & hours pass before the inspiration comes again, but to be patient with ourselves as with our neighbours is I am sure right & wise. I have an interesting letter from Mrs Pilsman, her eldest little girl seems to be a remarkably interesting child, when I compare her with those who is about a year older her development appears to be quite extraordinary. I hope she will come & see us one day at Cossale, if she can spare any time from

Hoyt who has a little cold, Mon goes tomorrow week, what follows means undecided, but I suppose the simplest plan of passing them on to Mrs Gifford will be the most tempting: the Edwd Carters decline. Good by dears I always intend to send you the longest of my flowers & never find time but they are very bright & beautiful. Friday night -

26 Sept 1836

Mrs Nightingale
Lansdowne House
Leamington

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Lansdowne Hotel
Leamington

her sister's children who were to occupy her almost as much as her own, I think she the little Carters looking better for the change of air & to says Miss Nearnette too - ever

will continue only a cool
advice in return — that
you th. in some degree
show your consent to some of
my proceedings — if I dint
it here, however unpalatably in
taste, if I press a work or
an object not agreeable quite
to your view. Dispute not gravely
as if were committing an
offence or destroying what
is essential to your existence.
We both are humble creatures,
too much in making mischief,
or rather we study too little
how to avoid them. So give
me your opinions when I ask
it & I shall feel not, — but
laugh at my errors, instead of
crying at them, when I damage
my own clothes & dance, & friends.
In other words let each submit
to folly or weakness or obsti-
nacy or form of other, & assure
of possible a positive pleasure in
seeing that done is done which every
fancy or decline or habit of one's
nature is tortured — from reflexion
that deep human i.e. improved nature delights in
overcoming the natural impulses
of unrestrained action & passion.

We expect you on Tuesday to your own home — rejoice you will, I doubt not, to find yourself amongst your own people — few & small are the incidents w^h we shall have to recount having seen not a soul beyond the circumference of our soil — Babes & their pedagogue seem to occupy, Julia & Mary a la daylong — Sam writes theirs, & groans over lumbago — The meeting at Winchester was attended by Lord Scott Stuart & Hester as M.P. — Jeremiah Sutton & Sir John Cash & myself — the rest malcontents — Shall meant to make a county, but as we believe Quite Mature for all purposes —

Mr Smithers gone to Romsey. — The Hoggs seem doing as they ought do at the Farmer —

This place looks well & so. adieu dear Love to your ladies. WHS

Monday

Dearest Fanny your letter today hurts exceedingly at another week of Leamington, lest you not have thrown half a drop of cold water on any such damping intention by saying that Pa was going away next week, I today Carter writes that the children will be set on the 4th but that Fanny wishes Julia to stay to see you to which he seemed to agree, which I write knowing you will be glad to hear the same. I do feel an exceeding desire that you should get all the good you can at Leamington & therefore would not regret this morning when I heard of the possibility of your staying another week, great indeed will be my joy when the last week is finally come. I felt overpowered with sorrow at missing your presence in every room in the house when first I came, & if time a little wears off that impression & if I allow that I have been & am very happy, not the least heartfelt joy at the long wished for sound of the wheels of your chariot — I saw tackles of rar going on Monday week

but "of a great certainty" as old Betty used to say. I shall stay to see something of you, may hap I shall ask you to let me leave Thee behind. I feel rather nervous to take him to an untried house. I really think the Sergeant quite a treasure to him he is certainly most unfortunately made for health & stands in need of all possible help to widen his chest he goes through about an hour's work with the Sergeant, resting a little between today instead of thrashing & crying he was romping & gesticulating. What shocks me is, that that there Sergeant will refresh himself in the house keepers room the lis stout built frame looks as if it might endure harder service than riding thro small regiments. & yet wait till he returned to his own fireside. It is a drawback to my peace of mind, so you must let me lay by so much a day as I reckon he costs, & spend the same on

coffee & wax candles that is my power
pots books & pictures & statues. NB. the
coffee this morn was pronounced the worst
ever drunk, never mind, every body drank it
& other is ordered from Southampton. but as
I was staying on such conditions I felt ex-
cedingly like a lesson from him every day
if you don't object to his coming. What
did you pay him? He works with all his
heart, he was invited for 3/4 of an hour, but
always works on an hour & 1/2. I am better
today, tho very excitable. he talks of
going to town next week. to have consultation
of M. I am so pleased. My poor husband
has been so often under her displeasure,
& yours so long in the sunshine of pros-
perity that you must forgive if there is
something gratifying in not being always
alone in the shade. tho as far as I know
we have not offended very lately, but whether
we have or not offended we be forgiven or not
we must, the kitchen table, tho feeling
so sentimentally to it as your present.
I dared not even the thought of while at
Moorley & easily to look all day upon
that peaceful scene sought to drive away
such vexations. I think Nil & Mary have

in some degree illustrative of their mothers. Gil who has not been in the way of treats & shows, takes to me only a little, she enjoys & feels & remembers & regrets. Mary Anne is cross to me as much as possible, but after seeing as before, she is without taste or ~~[illegible]~~ capacity for instruction, I imagine, tho perhaps I do her injustice. Not knowing much thro. Sofa Jr is preparing her Greek with Mr for Alfey. I have thought her very happy today working at him. She shows not any unhappiness since the loss of the merry little brother. Jane writes a long pleasant journal of her journey, which she seems to have enjoyed very much. I hope tomorrow we shall hear that Ben & Harry are not the worse for a rainy days journey. I suppose you will come back

very Sephronia, I mean to live on apple pudding & new bread till you come back, as I suppose you will look with horror on anything but cauliflower & rice. At all events I make up my mind to go on as long as possible in the nursery with Sephronia & the little ones who never rich. I think the little ones who never taste anything but the plainest & simplest are happier than the big ones, whose hopes & imaginations are often to luxurious but I do not like to subject ~~them~~ to temptations - to long is I fancy bad for body & mind, & how can one expect them not to long, so the 4 little ones dine in the nursery, here not that we commit excesses in the dining room, but a stewed pear or roasted apple raise emotions at 3.4.5 - look at the big pudding, & is the fatted of the flock

well, Bee almost destroyed me this morning because she gave me Puff's letter to take care of & I crumpled it, the little packet was received with acclamations - Yours ever thy

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Puff goes to bed on the most approved plan 1 hour before dinner 1 hour after - there 2 hours after. Ugh 1 hour before Farewell - come quickly but come

certainly & has been attending to
Mr Rickman's Eyes & accompanying
him to Alexander & Stevens
speaks of Alf's Eyes in a positive
state & that he should wish
it left alone & let him go
on with a hardy life, since
he seems to have improved
so much in looks under
his late treatment of air
& exercise (the sight is out
of the question he seems to think)
All this goes to sending him
to Mr Mallisons. I do hope you
will prevail upon Ben to stay
one most unfortunately Mr Coles
chooses to propose himself

Dear Fanny — forthwith you
shall hear what will give you
no satisfaction but I dare
say that you did not expel
any, that, I know of nothing
of the sort you describe —
Had I ever I ought to have
adopted the person; for
temporary delight Fanny Bow
may be taken from us —
It is odd that our Landladies
take no notice of the certain application
for the renewal of the lease
of Dalkeith so that at X mas
she may be claimed

I am very sorry to think that Ben, he now tells me, made Partridge fast for a wrong day & a very heavy letter it was — Your fixing to meet Anne at Winton will be a pleasure to her as you will see that her mind is that way bent — We have been glad of Jane's visit tho' but a very short one. His Cousin Yorke's & Kingdons require his presence at home — I hardly think Nel will be of your party to Winton & I really believe with her contented sense, that Aunt Jn's being here will prevent her for wishing it — We have lame Horses, Doctor Carey is going on Sat. with C to Alresford to stay there to be mended & what weather! The nights are tremendous. I wonder how our Chimnies stand it — Mr Harris's pretty Flute is going with Wilcox's Donna Bella — Mr Corbethwaite who is a clever person

to stay here from Friday till Monday, past the few days in debate with Ben & C says that Coles's coming has determined him to the bore of entertaining that person alone so many easily frighten him. I quite feel that but if I am tolerably cold & he hears that C is off on Sat morning, matters may not turn out so ill as we fear. I have delighted in getting hold of him & have given him his Book & Skeble of Coal. C goes for 10 days the 25th or 7th & will then be quite ready for you. But I have not heard him urge it

Poor dear Jenny writes to me to day to say no housemaid & adds that she has had a feverish attack which has lasted 2 or 3 days, leaving her stomach very weak & therefore upon a starving plan which does not suit a hasty & her strength has of course suffered. Mary's neighbour will be a comfort to her but that hard walk to & fro must be guarded against or that will be a rock to split upon. Will you let me ask my Uncle to bring "the Wicklow Tour" from Heathcotes. C asked after it the other day having a wish to look at Kilruddery. his pattern House & rather think & on that line I nourish all inclinations however feeble. Your letter I fear was hardly read

then to quit me or himself or something he says "shall I buy North Court?" and so I'm in a hole in the middle of the Island damp & unhealthy and let all my gossip be blasted – To friends

Yr affec MBC

Ditcham Thurs.

Jacks Birth day

Mr. Hartley
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13 Oct 1836

Smooth Bottom Thursday
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My dear Fanny. Hope your anxiety concerning my fly fled with me in my fly. Had a very safe journey met the B C carriage as appointed & Joan & Hil on the Petersfield road. Both looking so well it does one's heart good. Indeed as to health I find all prospering beyond my hopes & Carter looks to me absolutely very well & of this most painful symptoms I have certainly seen much less than usual scarcely anything. The party is a favorable one for good humour, but still I am sure that three months ago under the same circumstances we could not have escaped several ebullitions. I impute this in some measure to your visit, & give him great credit for taking it so quietly. Bex will, to our great discomfiture go away this morning I am quite happy to have had that day & half of him. He seems well & cheerful

but oh what cares must be in preparation for him poor dear creature — he says but little about his children & that my imagination fills up. His account of Patty is not good saying that she is better of her strain. So I am in hopes to hear of her getting up soon & working off her fancies. I think Joanna will take to Brighton before next week is over & I do not like her to go alone so shall go with her if she will not use me as a substitute but insists upon it there is no objection to her making the journey herself — indeed she does appear to me to be very tolerably well. She walks a good deal & yesterday we went together to Chalton she on donkey — I walking — & in that way I hope she will be able to continue taking air & exercise as long as she stays here — Alf has given great satisfaction by his progress in Greek & Carter has written a note of approbation.

good Von (this is for Mary –) Mr Carter is just setting off for Blisford. Ben for Langham & Mrs Coles is here rather malapropos being come yesty to stay a day or 2. Sir Wm Knighton is dead – That sad wreck in Chale Bay is said to have been owing to the state of the crew – The Captain died just before, or just at the beginning of the voyage – the crew grew frightened & were many of them in durance, when the storm came on – finding he did not go without their help the rabble released them & they (not aware probably of the danger) refused to work – This is Mrs Coles's story. Ben had before I came here sent a laconic ~~[illegible]~~ reply to all our projects for his proceeding to Embley so I did not press it any more – & the case being so I think of going to town as soon as I have seen Joanna safely through her Brighton journey – Dear Pop I hope you had a tolerable vote of commissions from Winchester but I did not mention Von's hat (left in the room where he slept) to be given to some worthy

most likely to imbibe the learning it contains if you crown a mere clod with it I am afraid the virtues will not set. Dear Mai. Philips Roche died on the Monday after we left Dr — Vale easily. I will write to you a long long letter my soon but am not ready just yet having loaded myself with

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Mrs Nightingale
Embley
Romsey
Hants

fronts to be filled up to day & tomorrow. Bless you all, my dear dear friends, a line or two will be always thankfully received if it only tells of the corporeal condition of your band —

On Saturday

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(If there is an opportunity of sending this letter I shall be glad but it shd not be long delayed)

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Thursday night. I in a sleep: you see this new Post
going out i'th' morns. So we writes in our sleep overnight.
parties 2 Stanley, & Sightmouth dispatched various
temperants. multiform Butters. & Poachers this day.
Old F. said he had a Haunch of V. wanting taking.
but that was all he said: it has rained lately
all day. Rawdy Poor House is perfected. It
works wonders. Sutlin proposes Sarah for Vera's
place. Sam's asleep fast: back better: hopes
finds Eno' to keep bees going. I take B. his
year's rent

Palmerston expected to dight. Some wants Queen Bess & little Carriges & take away with him — I guess he must have it all — Old Troffside must go into the place.

Why Mr. Darnet is really crazy — You Smiths are Queer cuts — We are going to start our Dispensary on improved scheme, letting Extravagant Beddance go to Defaulter — I guess old Zephen with tyrannise over you. — Vide stuff of our British meeting in Sun — Surely anthering hath done it.

The fire is out. Candles I mean. Good Night —

So much for good intentions — meanwhile our daily work — tomorrow I go to Manchester to a Registration meeting — Thursday to a Justice meeting —

Jane is limbafoved I fear too much to allow him to go to London as he wished for a day or two — Her spirits continue as very happy one — Dan & Harry go to Town Saturday — Jacomina with Disposal of rest as they think fit. Carter leaving her to order departure —

Mr Hutchinson is gone to Thursday Lodge. Just leaves us a fortnight.

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Your pathetic letter makes me feel that a response is called for. I think I am honest, when I say that I desire to study how to be independent to whatever may be your future debts. I would cultivate exercise myself each day & every day in repressing every symptom of uneasiness at uncertain times. & I could almost say that nothing shall induce me ever to betray even an anxiety for any change of fortune. Never from Events whatever they may be what they may —

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Dearest Fanny, One more letter, before we meet.
Wednesday
My little affairs go on pleasantly, except that
poor husband cannot get well, Sunday's letter was
better than yesterday, though he has painfully swallowed
much that Bedrome sends. Today Ann & Harry started
for home having sent for them a few days sooner
than we expected that she might see a little of
Harry. Yesterday Ann examined his boys before Mr
Sam, leaving an impression of his learning perfectly,
wonders upon them, but doubts were entertained
how far the little heads had been really benefitted by
the love that had been put into them with equally
astonishing that could scarcely be surpassed. Mr
Julia still cherishing the idea that some employ
his labourers & cor[illegible] than Latin & Greek
might be found for such young minds. It has pro-
mised to give Mr C lessons of Virgil for day, which
greatly delight Mr C, he also undertakes some of
Alfy's work. The little regiment prospers. Those now
goes through nearly the whole drill, always hitherto
in half crying at first but quite amused & enjoying
it in a little while. Puff is most earnest in
entreaties to do "her exercises" all the way down stairs
but declines entirely the moment she is in the room.
Fanny writes a very pleasant letter of her travels
which she seems quite to have enjoyed. Mondrainville
on Wed & her visitors dined & slept on Monday, she is an
open hearted, most pleasing person. Julia fetched her
at the same time calling upon Mrs Ashworth.
Mrs Cottrell was there & all the party seemed to
have received her very affectionately. What an
active spirit is dear Mrs. Mitchell's. She looks
happier from the care of Alfy falls upon her. Yet
her interest is damped by the feeling that her work
is but a job, her influence so limited. Gifford &
E. Carter dined after Ann was departed. There was much
discussion on education, always a teasing subject
specially to poor mothers thirsting to do the best
by their children. Mrs Mack, a glimpse I catch
of what might be done, but am entirely ignorant

how to do it. After all my life poisoning the
infidelity of other people who fed young minds
with indigestible food, I find myself doing the
very same, herbs, declamations & all the rest of that
washed routine. I believe that a person who had
an accurate & ready knowledge of natural history
& natural philosophy & a keen delight in them
together with a philosophic understanding of
the nature of a child's mind, might make these
subjects most interesting & amusing, at the same
time exercising the mind as steadily as upon
language, might so interest the child as to make
it like its work as well as its play, instead of
its being a constant effort to keep the one for
the other. When I hear the expressions sometimes that children
utter when left to themselves, I cannot help feeling how
little what they learn enters into their feelings & their
interest. Yes it does, surely it would occasionally
enter into their talk, but one cannot expect them to
keep in mind a moment longer than we force them in
at their ears, such dull dogs as verbs & pronouns are
even to ourselves. I speak of course only of very young
children. Perhaps I must only hope to teach my children
so that they may teach theirs better. No letter from Richmond
yet, Mr Frederic's answers comes from Renfrew so I
mean not yet. Your black satin, always comfortable, seems
big being in the same house with it. Pray respect for
the because we spent I know not how long the days
before the tall glass in your room, trying on sundry
fineries we sent over from Coventry Place for after
fashion, truly men ought to be superior he cause they
have no such cares, if they grow grey & gouty they
have nothing to do but to submit while it is one
of our faithful duties to make the best of things.
A foot 10 - in the drawing room, the chatting up for the night
low chair on the sofa, he goes to wash, looking comfortable as his
hemboys, the seems to be inclining towards going
home with the children to Dalethorne, but not
think quite decided, Joan writes a wish that Alf

after seats, which would at all events give us a night of Julia, but I hope our large forty will not tire you. our charming suite slept certainly helps them excellently out of hearing. Puff & Bob generally come down at breakfast time, Puff says bob remembering 2 syllables. Mrs Graham &c to be invited to Ditcham by Carter's desire, says Joanna. they are at Alton. Good bye dears I hope your forces are prospering in examination over yrs. TH.

29 Sept 1836

Mrs Hightingale
Downham Rectory
Dereham
Norfolk

may go to Mr Gifford, but the day before Carter wrote an order that he should return home with the rest, if he does, I guess he will return also: it rather too out to persuade. Joan seems in a hurry to order back the children, the tables of the week