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do this. And I think
you would enjoy the
trip.

With kind regards
Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

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67937

Sept 2/84

Claydon House,
Bucks.

Dear Mrs. Higton
I received your letter
this morning saying (very
naturally) that you "do not
feel" you "can take any
situation till" you "have
had a long rest."

If you had come
tomorrow, as I invited
you by Telegram, you
would have found that
that is the very thing
I was planning for you,
namely that you should
have a "long rest" before
taking any situation.

I did not write to you
when, as you say, you
"expected to hear from"
me, because Mrs. Hy
Bonham Carter did not
propose that I should
do so.

I should like to see
one who has been with
my Aunt 17 years,
whether you take my
place or not.

It is too late now to
come tomorrow. Thursday

I could not have you
Friday Mrs. Hy Bonham
Carter is coming to London
& probably could not
spare you.

But I could see you
on Saturday, if you
come by the train
leaving Euston at 9^{a.m.}
You could return the
same day.

I think it will be
a pity if you do not

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67933

Mr. Highton
By Bonham Carter's
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.

24/9/84

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Oct 3/84

Claydon House,
Bucks.

Dear Miss Hunt

How sorry I am
to wish you good bye -
fare you very well -
how glad I am to
have seen you - & how
kind you are to me -

Please, my love to
your young lady.

Ever yours overflowing

F. Nightingale

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63009
Oct 9/82

Claydon House,
Bucks.

Mrs. Thomas

Sir

I shall be back at
10 Souths St.
on Friday Oct 17, I hope

And will you be so
good as I arrange with
my people left in the house
when the drawing room
floors shall be polished
up, if not done already.

There must be cleaning
of windows, putting up

of curtains & putting
down of carpets
done afterwards, I
suppose.

Will that spoil the
floor?

With thanks
believe me
your faithful serv^t
J. Nightingale

I hope & am sure
that I shall find

the floor perfectly
sweet & fresh.

WINDMILL
MILLS

63009
5483/38/2



Mr. Thomas
4 Cadogan Terrace
Pentagon

W/10/84

London S.W.



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Private

56067

Oct 21/84

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

May excuse me for asking your kind indulgence, as you will know how interested & grieved I am on account of this most unpleasant affair which has befallen our friend Miss Williams - & really not less on account of St. Mary's Hospital, & the good Nursing of which such an affair must be

more damaging, if not
ruinous.

I know how much you have
worked in the good cause
& how much is due to
your great influence.

Might I ask whether you
think that a successful
fight be made at your
next Friday's Board
where your presence will
be so essential?

Ever your faithful bro^r
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Liddell.

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10
Miles

S. Leveking & Co
17 Manchester Square

Disputed }
21/10/84 }

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Nov 7/85

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir Richard Temple

I am encouraged by your
old kindness for me to
believe that you would be
so good as to consider the
desirableness, which we
Sanitarians feel very strongly,
of appointing to the post
(which will now be immediately
vacant) of Surgeon Genl to
H. M. Forces in Bombay,
your old friend - May I say?
By Surgeon Genl Dr. Hewlett

tho' of the Indian Med^l Dept^t.
- and, if you think well,
of pressing it upon the Sec^y
of State for India, without
whose confirmation it
cannot be made.

Capt. Douglas Galtore
will kindly furnish you
with the circumstances.

May believe me
dear Sir Richard Temple
your faithful serv^t - you.

Florence Nightingale

I have still your invaluable
Minutes & Reports which
you were kind enough to
leave with me. They shall
be returned to you whenever
you wish.

Yr.

Had I thought that there
was the least chance of
your being at leisure enough
to be in London, I would
have hoped for the
pleasure of a call from
you.

Yr.

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- I most humbly, & only in accordance, with your kind wish, I venture to suggest
- (1) that you will allow Dr. Hewlett's "Mem." of instructions to "Village Patels" to be translated & circulated
 - (2) - by the Bombay Village Police Act of 1867 power has been entrusted to a few Patels only, selected by Collectors - has now the time come when this Act should be extended to a much larger number (also selected in each Collectorate)
 - (3) - & that the people should be taught what to do and what not do

Private & Confidential

Village Sanitary Organization

Nov 19/85

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Lord Reay

You granted me a great boon in allowing me to write to you. You will not censure me for making use of it.

My heart is in the villages & the Village Patels:

in Village Sanitation.

What to do & how to do it.

'What to do' is more ably & clearly set forth in Dr. Hewlett's "Mem." for the guidance of Village Patels" Sept 5 1885 which I understand is under Government discussion.

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The main difficulty lies in
'how to do it'. And two
methods are proposed. viz.
the Government Bill &
Mr. Crawford's plan.

To you we look for the decision
(with great faith) in this
question supremely important
- for the methods employed
should be in conformity with
habit as far as possible
As the Govt of India have usually
said - 'they observe that
nothing has been done for the
villages':

The reason is: that every district
has its own habits & customs.
[No one law will do for all].

and that we have destroyed
the village organizations
of old times which could
easily have been put in
working train.

A village community, with
local interests & feelings
could care itself well
enough: but if this cannot
be restored, the plan of
an elective representative
body will have to be adopted;
- a sort of village municipality,
as Mr. Crawford puts it,
in which the will of the
majority, instead of the good
will & tacit consent of all,
must do the work.

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local fells are provided also
by Mr. Crawford's Draft
Village Conservancy Act.

2. Thus a short Municipal
Act for making the people
avail themselves of these
facilities (not ordering them
to do what they have no
means of doing & punishing
them if they do not) would
meet the case.

It is we who have
done the mischief.

It is you who must
undo it & do the good.

And how to do it we
may safely leave in your
hands.

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by their Patels & "Panchayets"

N.B. You who know so
much better than we do
need not be told that
the power of "Panch" is
well nigh illimitable.
They can do at once what
no District Officer can do,
or do only by a process of
law. [I have a mine
of instances in which, ^{e.g.} whole
villages have been removed
bodily by the "Panch," properly
approached ^{by our Sanitary Comm.} - in a few hours,
- villages that had been nests
of Cholera - where District
Officers had worked in vain.]

The present Village Police Act is however, as you have seen, deficient - or indeed absolutely obstructive in certain clauses - and Mr. Crawford's Draft Bombay Village Conservancy Act (which I have seen) would appear to provide a better machinery for introducing sanitary measures into villages -

As it proposes to re-establish Village Panchayats - & to give them a legal status with the necessary powers for carrying out sanitary measures

Altho' Mr. Crawford's Act does not go so far as we might wish, yet as a beginning it would seem based on sound principles.

Now two things seem required.

1. facilities provided by Government, such as suitable areas of ground to be in the neighbourhood of villages - increased powers should be given to Panchayats as recommended by Mr. Crawford, to protect their water sources (see p. 6 B. of Mr. Crawford's Mem^o. & Sect. 9 of Draft Act) - facilities for the people protecting themselves from

for the appointment of two
such real representatives
as Mr. Kanade & Mr.
Dadabhai Naoraji on
the Council - which has
rejoiced every native of
thought & action in the
Presidency -

& for the Shana Forest matter,
as well as for many other things

pray believe me
dear Lord Reay

ever your faithful & grateful
servant

Florence Nightingale

Pray forgive me, for I have been
for years at work on this
Village Sanitary question, so
important in a country of
villages, like India. And your
advice has filled us with
fresh hopes.

2. Bombay has been foremost
in making a grand first step
towards executive organization,
by appointing a Sanitary
Engineer as part of the Sanitary
Staff of the province. This is
the great & important lesson
taught by Bombay. And we
trust it will be learnt
elsewhere in India. Col. Ducat's
appointment is a real advance,

and after experience it will lead to more.

The Bombay Govt., we know, will give every facility to Municipalities for taking advantage of Col. Ducat's services as Consulting Sanitary Engineer.

And we hail with hope the prospect of Lord Reay organizing the whole administration for sanitary purposes.

No organization for Sanitary improvement has ^{yet} been provided except for the Municipal towns - & this as yet imperfectly - tho' the Sanitary State has been reported on legue ad nauseam.

3. The system of utilizing the services of the Zillah Civil Surgeons, as in the Punjab, as Sanitary Officers is as much a part of the question as the Sanitary Commissioner himself. And they should report to him.

But this is beyond my sphere.

4. We are so very glad that Dr. Hewlett is to go on tour round India as Sanitary Commissioner; & see what other Sanitary Commissioners are doing.

I end as I began: we must gladly leave details to you: we have not the data

With renewed gratulation for all you are doing, especially

5483/42

June 30/86

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10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

May I ask what the Election
prospects are?

Good speed attend you:

yours more faithfully

J. Nightingale

Dr. Watts

A word on a post-card, please

Oct 7/86

5483/43

67326

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

Managers & yours, the Hospital
for which a lady was required
as Matron is a "Maternity &
Women's Infirmary" at Melbourne,
Victoria. You will hardly wish
to undertake such a Hospital,
would you? - All the particulars
that were given me I gave to
Miss Jones who communicated
them to Miss Lloyd, from whom

you will doubtless have heard
them. No information was
given me as to "terms". A lady
from Melbourne is now in London,
seeing candidates who are
recommended to her & who
wish for the post. I regret
that I shall not be in London
for a few days;

Yours faithfully

in haste
F. Nightingale

Miss Henrietta Stewart

With my renewed Good
Wishes,

pray believe me
yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

~~Mr. Richmond~~

Mr. Richmond

5483/44

67451^A

Dec 8/86

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Sir

Mr. Richmond When he went
abroad left it in charge
to me "to let" you "know"
if your "boy" will find a
place in the Hospital
for Epilepsy at the end
of a month (from Nov 17)

I am very glad to be
able to say that I have
obtained admision for
your boy in the Hospital

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"for the Epileptic," (Queen
Square, Bloomsbury)

A "bed" will be "reserved
"for him" "in a fortnight"
from Dec 4.

Kindly tell me whether
~~the patient~~ ~~the patient~~ will be
able to enter there.

Mr. Richmond told me
that he had so far
recovered from his

accident that he would
then be able to move
from Brighton Hospital.
And I assure you that
he has my best wishes
that his stay at Queen
Square (Epileptic) Hospital
will result in a good
Success. Poor fellow -
he must have suffered
much.

Excuse pencil

of some definite day
When you hope to be
able to take advantage
of the "bed" the less
likely we are to have
difficulty.

With kind wishes
for ~~your~~ ~~name~~ ~~and~~ ~~well~~

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

~~Replies:~~
~~[scribbled out]~~

5453/45

67451B

Jan 2/87

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir

I am so afraid that
we shall lose the "bed"
altogether, which I have
secured for ~~you~~ ~~him~~
Rocco at the Queen Square
"Hospital for Epilepsy".
That I write to ask what
you hear of him, &
when the Brighton
Hospital authorities
think that he will be

well enough to move.

You are aware
that I have already
had twice to put
~~him~~ ~~him~~ ~~him~~ off at
Queen's Square: the
second time his Ticket
of Admission had
actually been lent me
for him, or rather for
you. And I had to
return it

In your last letter you
appeared to think that
~~him~~ would be well
enough to leave the
Brighton Hospital by the
New Year. Probably
it would not be thought
desirable by his present
Doctor for him to move
at all this weather.

But I write to ask
you kindly to remember
that, the sooner you
can give me notice

5483/46.

22/2/87

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Mesrs. Spottiswoode.

Gentlemen

I am exceedingly indebted to
you for the expedition &
care with which my small
job has ~~been~~ done.

Would you be so good
as to let me have

105 Copies of each of
these Proofs [you will see
they are corrected
differently]

by, if possible, 10 o'clock
on Thursday, 24, Morning

d oblige
Your faithful Serv^t
Florence Nightingale

If you think a Revise is
required, would you be
so kind as to send me
one tomorrow morning?
(Wednesday)

F.N.

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ms. D. 88
ms. 7. 5
Mick

May 2/88

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Sir Harry Verney told me
that you would be so very
kind as to make an
appointment to pay me
a visit, — previous as
your time must be, — about
Friday —

Any afternoon after
to-day that you would
kindly fix, at 4.30 or 5,
would be most welcome
& yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Respectfully

John Bright M.P.

Please forward

5483/47/2

Monday. May 7. 88.

5 Mth

Re. Hon^{ble}

John Bright M.P.

Reform Club

Florence Nightingale }
2/5/88

Private

5483/48/1

June 8/88

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

Dear General Higginson

Many thanks for your most kind note & its enclosures, with Genl Lyndall's answers to questions.

Is it to be understood that you kindly wish to give the "Southern Ward: Upper Floor", 19.6 by 12, for the "Matron's bed room"? This should be for the present only, as, being the best Ward or room in the Hospital, it would doubtless be for the Patients more ill - The North Ward being very inferior to it. Yours,

Will this ^{North} Ward have much sun,
except from the E. window?

- that the "present surgery" -
"ground floor" - [is that the
room next the Kitchen, 10 x 15 -
or the larger room to the South
19.6 x 12, ground floor?]

is to be given as the "Matron's
"sitting room and surgery" -

"dispensing with a complete
"surgery & receiving room for
"the present". If the ~~is~~

~~to have~~ If there are
"wretched lads," poor fellows!,
by which I understand bags
with something serious the

for "furnishing the Matron's
"rooms," which you are so
good as to mention -

Again, very many thanks for
the extreme kindness you
have put into this matter.
I write in haste, in order to
catch you at your Committee
Pray excuse a torn sheet:

I pray believe me

Yours faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

It is to be regretted, as you say,
if "lad's" with any grave
disease are admitted
to the other boys. It is so bad for them
to see e.g. Epilepsy - especially for those
of the Gordon Boys' class - and skin diseases
are of course most catching -

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Matter with them, yet not
confined to bed, for he
to have charge of, the
room 10 x 15 would be,
would it not?, rather
close quarters. But as
you speak of the "so-called
"Matron's room down stairs",
I conclude it is this room
to the south, 19.6 x 12?

"Lester" Constable shall go "on
"a visit of inspection to the
"Hospital" & to see the Home,
"as soon as possible" after I
have received your kind
directions, if they are to this
effect - & she shall do as
you say - You are so good

as to let the Commandant know.

You are, I know, kindly aware that she will have to give notice to her present employer, if you engage her - not less than a month's notice by the rule of the Local Govt Board (under which are the Parochial Infirmarys)

- but for the convenience of the Infirmary ^{work} itself, (Matron & Guardians) 3 months' notice is often desired. Even if appointed she could not therefore enter upon the Gordon Pop' Home at once.

You will yourself, of course, kindly not only have her before yourselves, but take her character from the Matron, Miss Vincent, of St. Marylebone Infirmary, Ruckham Street, Ladbrooke Grove Road W. (where Sister Constable is now) personally & independently of us.

As to the "payment in lieu of rations" for ~~your~~ Matron & "Domestic servant", (see Genl. Syndall's answers to questions) - What that is to be will be a matter for future kind decision, as well as the "requirements"

Private

to await his arrival

5483/48/3

At General Higginson & a
Office of Gordon Boys' Home
20 Cockspur Street

Florence Nightingale }
8/6/88

to train others. A
Hospital Patron is or ought
to be a good 'mother' to
all her Nurses - tho' some
are older than herself -
just as a good School
master 'father's' his pupils.

I do hope you will be
happy at Lea School - &
when Mrs. Burton & your
children arrive, full of
happiness.

By & bye when you
are settled, perhaps you
will be kind enough to
give me a word on the

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Oct 2/88

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Mr. Burton

I am full of hope that God
will bless your labours for the
good of Lea & Holloway
population thro' the School.
And therefore I give you joy.
Though there are early days
to judge by, I hear that
they are "all much pleased,
"so far," with your work -
with the "marked improvement
"already," in the "discipline"
which was "lax" & that they
are "most hopeful". This is

a great encouragement for
a beginning. And I
wishes you 'God speed' with
all my heart.

Is your Examination
coming on now?

I hope it will be
satisfactory.

But there are things, as
I know you think, more
important than success in
Examinations - tho' we
cannot do without these.
And that is: the effects
of the whole discipline
& tone of the School upon

the character for
school-time & for life-time.
God's world is a great
Training-school - is it not?
And as long as we are
in this world of His, we
go on, or ought to go on
learning. And the thing
is: to put our boys &
girls in the way to learn.

In our Hospital
Training Schools, we give
our Nurses a year's
training. But this is only
to train them to train
themselves all their lives,

progress of "my" School children.

And I dare say we
shall some day be thinking
together of botany, ^{that is, leaves & flowers.} for the
School. & spars & ores,
this being Derbyshire,
just as you used to
show them fossils in the
Pit at Burton.

God bless you

Yours ever faithfully

Florence Nightingale

5483/50

10 South St. Jan 29/89 ⁶⁸³⁴

My dear Sir

You kindly ask me to
say what ^{hour} would suit me
best to. Day for your visit

Would 10 o'clock, or as
soon after as you can,
be possible to you,
instead of "five"?

Very sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

H. Power Esq

19 SEP 90

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love
 envieth not; love vaunteth not itself,
 is not puffed up,
 itself unseemly,
 is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
~~Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth~~
~~in the truth,~~

Please illuminate this, either on a large
 square card or on a long large card.
 Do not cramp it.
 It is to be large
 enough to be framed as a small picture

9/9/90

Florence Nightingale
 10. South Street
 Park Lane

been taught in words intelligible to them
but which are Hebrew Greek to the poor mothers
- with these cottage women. E.g. the ladies
must never use such an expression as this:
"Ventilation is essential". The poor women don't
know how to ventilate - & very likely the
ladies don't either.

And the ladies must teach with their
hands as well as with their mouths.
and, above all, ^{each lady must} teach the poor women as being
as one of themselves & not as ^{one} above them

Is not all this very different from giving
merely a course of book lectures to educated
women?

Private

London Feb 17/92

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5483/521

Dear Madam

In answer to your note, we consider
that Dr. De'Alth is singularly fitted for
searching & striking lectures on "Health at Home"
- for eliciting what the pupils have made
their own, & what they have not. & for
accustoming them by note-taking to show
what they can do.

But there appears a misconception on
what is the real object of the lectures, and
infinitely the most difficult to attain. The object,
as you will see by the Syllabus, is to give

practical, not only word: instruction & poor rural mothers & girls how to maintain health their own, their children's & their cottager's health.

We do not expect to cure the bad habits of ages, the ignorance & superstition of years, by a few lectures or by a legion of lecturers.

The object is: to select out of a class those few educated women who will be capable of being in touch with & of training the poor rural women & girls how to maintain health: the lecture room has to be transferred to the cottage by Dr. De'Alth. the cottage itself to be the object-lesson.

This is the hardest work of all. But Dr. De'Alth, we believe is up to it.

He has already given nearly half his lecture room lectures with the utmost success in lifting, as in fixing an almost breathless attention. But after this comes the real 'cure' - & teach the lady teachers how to use the plainest, simplest, commonest words, how to choose a few salient points of practice, how to have such tact as never to give offence - in training the cottage women.

The fault of all young lady beginners is to reproduce the lecture they have received, going over the whole ground of what they have

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In answer to your other questions:
the Syllabus is intended, as you see, not
for London but a rural District. But
Dr. De Catto might easily adapt it for
London

And he might possibly be able to spare
time for London, & might well be asked.
An excellent Medical Officer of Health of a
County or part of a County is, of course, a
very busy man. [These] May believe me
questions however are not for } yours faithfully
the to your service }
Miss Rose Adams Florence Nightingale

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67545
March 31/92

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge your
letter of March 23rd
signed by Sir Douglas
Galton, & asking me
to give my signature to
an application for the
grant of a Royal Charter
to the Sanitary Institute.

I will ask you to be
so good as to attach
my signature to the
D. White Wallis Esq
Sec^y &c &c

Petition

And I beg to remain

Your obed^t serv^t

Florence Nightingale

I believe one only of the
Dr. De'Alth's lecture. Ladies
has definitely been engaged
at present. ~~So~~ I have
little doubt that, if,
after this explanation,
^{about Health v. Nursing,}
you still wish for one,
one can be put at your
service for the 6 months you desire.
This is all I can say
at present.

I know the "salary" (you
^{kindly} ask) was not to be high.

I will write to Dr. De'Alth
to-day & come to particulars.
May excuse a woman
overwhelmed with business for
not answering you by return
of post. And believe me,
your faithful servant,
Miss Emily Deane, Florence Nightingale

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57479

June 25/92

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Madam.
In acknowledgment of your
kind letter of June 22 as
"Hon: Sec: for the Ladies'
Committee for Technical Educ."
in West Sussex under the
"County Council" and as
"Cottage Nursing Lecturer,"
the "teachers trained in
"Buckinghamshire as Nursing
"Lecturers," are not for
nursing disease but for
preventing disease &
teaching Cottage Mothers
& girls the elements of
how to preserve health.

Which is of course
the opposite of disease
& necessitates in many
respects quite a different
course. I venture to
enclose a Syllabus of our
Lectures. & I may add
that our Lecturer, Dr.
De' Ath, a Medical Officer
of Health, supplemented
his Lectures with practical
object-lessons in some of
the worst cottages in his
District, without offence
to the cottagers, which must
of course be jealously
guarded against.

As Miss Fanny Calder of
Liverpool who knows all
about us & whose own
teachings on other subjects
are so admirable has
recommended us & you, I
suspect that your "Nursing
"Lectures" & our "Health
"Lectures", who are
supposed to give object-
lessons in the cottages too,
are really one & the same.

Ours are of course the
property of the Bucks
County Council, who must
have first choice. And
the most important member
in this matter has been
ill but is recovering.
Therefore there has been some
delay, and

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Florence Nightingale

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Miss Emily Deane

Hon. Sec.

Technical Education

24 West Street

Chichester

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Dear Miss Deane

I am so sorry you are ordered
abroad for your health

May you make a perfect
recovery is the fervent wish

of yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

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Dear hard-working friends
I am a hard-working
woman too. May I speak to
you? And will you excuse
me? tho' not a mother.

You feel with me that
every mother who brings
a child into the world has
the duty laid upon her
of bringing up the child in
such health as will enable
him to do the work of his
life.

But tho' you toil all day
for your children, & are so
devoted to them, this is
not at all an easy task.

We should not attempt to practise dress-making or any other trade without any training for it. But it is generally impossible for any woman to get any teaching about the management of health.

Yet health is to be learnt

And, altho' you are the more skilled in the practical work of every day life, yet this lady lecturer has had special opportunities of studying the reasons why certain things are good or bad for health.

The student has attempted
 to practice these markings
 or any other marks without
 any training for it. But
 it is generally impossible
 for any woman to get any
 backing above the
 management of health.
 Her health is to be
 saved. With you are the
 more skilled in the
 practice of every
 day life. For this body
 lecturer has had special
 opportunities of studying
 the reasons why certain
 things are good or bad
 for health.

But it depends very
 much more upon you
 than upon her that these
 lectures should be of
 any use to you. You
 must make use of her &
 get out of her the
 particular knowledge
 that you want.

The Cottage Homes of
 England are after all
 the most important
 of the homes of any class
 that they should be
 pure in every sense -
 pure in body & in mind.

Boys & girls must grow

up healthy with clean
minds & clean bodies &
clean skins

And, for this to be possible
the air, the earth & the
water that they grow up
in & have around them
must all be clean: fresh
air not bad air - clean
earth not foul earth - pure
water not dirty water.

And the first teachings &
impressions they have at
home must all be pure &
gentle & firm. It is home
that teaches the child after
all - more than any
other schooling.

A child learns before
it is three whether
it shall obey the mother
or not. And before it
is seven, wise men tell us
that its character is
almost formed.

There is too another thing:
Destiny. We know your
daily toil & love. May
not the busiest & the hardest
life be somewhat lightened,
or the day mapped out,
so that each duty has
the same hour?

Now you may compare
this lady's inexperience

Your practical knowledge of the things of every day life. But, tho she may be inexperienced in the things you have to do, yet she may by her knowledge in a humble, not patronizing or positive or prying way, help you to help yourself.

This is not a lecture so much as a talk - a homely talk about homes.

If you would make a friend of her, & ask her questions, it would be far

no one to tell me

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More possible for her to
help.

Then think what enormous
extra trouble it entails
on mothers when there
is sickness. It is worth
while to try to keep the
family in health - to
prevent the sorrow, the
anxiety, the trouble of
illness in the house, of
which so much can be
prevented.

When a child has lost its
health, how often the mother
says: O if I had only
known. But there was
no one to tell me.

And, after all, it is health & not sickness that is our natural state - the state that God intends for us. There are more people to pick us up when we fall than to enable us to stand upon our feet.

God did not intend all mothers to be accompanied by Doctors; but He meant all children to be cared for by mothers.

God bless your work & labour of love.

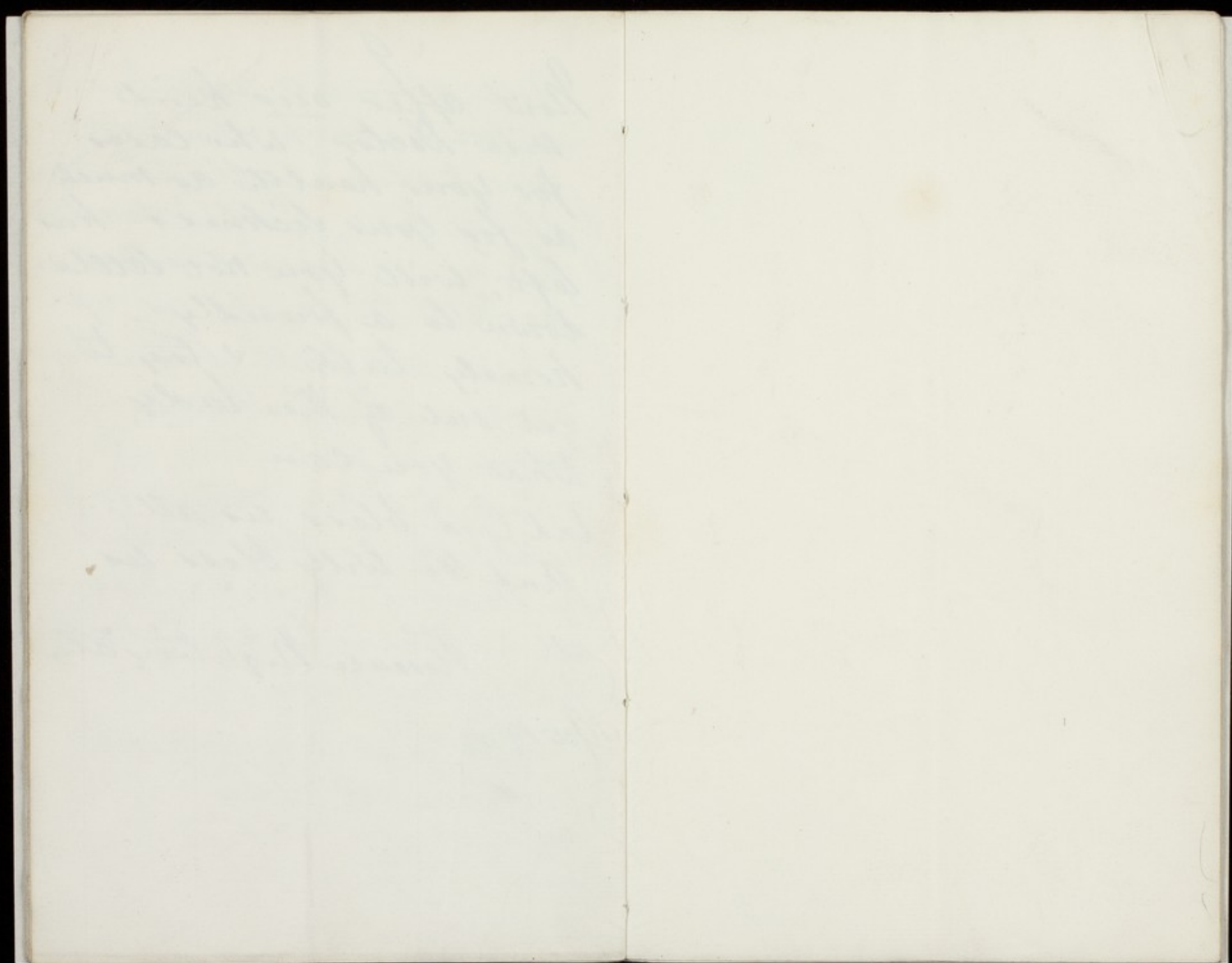
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Now after our kind
wise Doctor who cares
for your health as much
as for your sickness has
left, will you not settle
down to a friendly
homely talk & try to
get out of the lady
what you can.

And God bless us all.
And He will bless us.

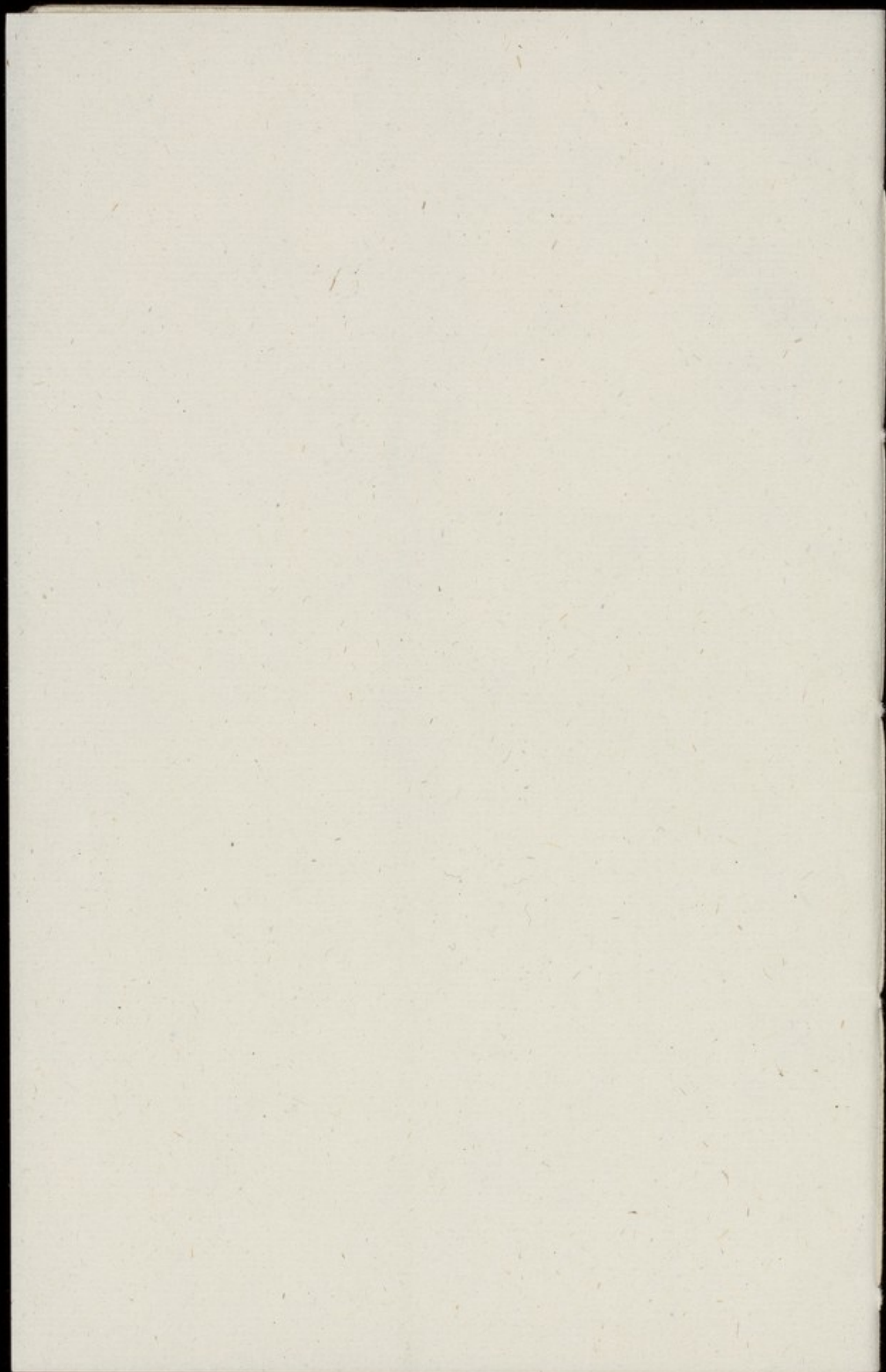
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And after our kind
wishes to the
for your health as much
as for your business, we
hope with you are better
than to a friendly
honesty talk, I hope to
see one of the two
when you can.
And God bless us all.
And the wife bless us
Thine affectionate
Jas M^r



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and have not been photographed.



Then the personal
cleanliness of the Mother
after lying in: which
the Can't-attend to herself,
I which no one but a
competent District Nurse
can attend to [an ignorance
is none]

Then there is nothing
about cleanliness of the
bottle ~~for~~ hand fed
Infants in that nice
little leaflet.

I could not possibly,
as you will see, undertake
the responsibility of
writing about all this
for leaflets. You have

Private

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10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Madam

Thank you for your kind
note. I send, according
to your wish, I have
great pleasure in sending
a doz. copies of the
Health-at-Home Missions
under the Bucks County
Council. [Tho' the 'outward
'man' of 6 of the copies
is different, yet it is all
the same pamphlet]

With regard to
"furnishing a paragraph"
on "cleanliness" to the
leaflet, of which the M.S.
enclosed is the substance,

cleanliness could not
possibly be pushed in
in that way - Could it?
Our experience is that
uncleanliness, both before
& after the lying in is
the cause which does the
lead of ^{much} most of the
distressing suffering of the
poor mothers (with large
families) in after years
- an uncleanliness which
certainly the "kind neighbors"
cannot remedy, for she
has not the cleanliness
herself. And the uncleanliness
of the poor infant is the
cause of many a young

after growth.

The Monthly Nursing of
the poor at their own
homes is one of the
gravest subjects we have.
Midwives do not practice
it. Doctors cannot of
course. Lying in Hospitals
do not teach it.

The uncleanliness of the
bedding - a feather bed
or flock bed which may
not have been picked
& pieces ^{or cleaned} for years & years
- which may have had
several lyings-in on it -
is most serious for both
mother & infant. is it not?

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I
doubtless responsible
Editors & a responsible
Editing Comm^{ee}

But I will tell you
what I will do if you
wish it. As soon as I
can, I will ask a
District Lady Ruben
& help me in putting
down the main heads,
together - And you
shall have them not
for publication but for
submitting to your
responsible Editors -

I am very much
overworked - & I can

hastily
only, write at this
moment a rough ready
answer to your request.

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Miss Rose Adams

You will observe
that your M. S. which
I return asks for
3 weeks when your
printed tract only
asks for a fortnight

M.