

Letters to William Farr (1807-1883), statistician

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Go Malvern
Feb 3/58

My dear Sir
Many thanks for your
two kind notes.

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

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

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

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

The "Spanish Troops"
are at Paris. They have
been here - And may
perhaps be to be seen
at Kensington in some
time in the course of
the spring. Their new
address is 21 New Finchley
Road, near you -

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

Believe me
ever faithfully yours
Thos. Stirling

I steal a march upon
the new War Secretary
& prepare a scheme
for him, before he has
had time to appoint
that Hall successor
to the retiring Smith.
This Mr. Herbert has
engaged & ~~engaged~~ upon him.

Iu.

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Private

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March

Dear Dr. Farr

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

"Regulations," until Dr.
Lutherland had written
the Sanitary mem. &
Dr. Lutherland would
not write the Sanitary
-Reporting "Regulations,"
until Dr. Farr had
written the Statistical
mem.

Dr. Lutherland has
however the merit of
having given in force,
and has dictated

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

Flora Nightingale
30 Rushington St.
March 2/58 Warrington

in the Review.

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

If you could come
in here tomorrow
morning at 11, Dr.
Sutherland shall
meet you. But,
whatever you do, don't
deprive me of "all
my little ones," but let
me have them all back
tomorrow, take care!
Sincerely yours F. H. H. H. H.

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30 Old Park Lane
May 6/58

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(3)

Dear Dr. Farr.

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

Now Whiteutide is
almost here & we
have nothing done.

As for that Drury,
I hate him with a
"mortal & undying
hatred".

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

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

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30 Old Burlington L
W Feb 20/59

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

If you could look
in upon me on your
way home from the
Office this evening,
you would find Mr.
Lutherland here -
between 5 & 6 o'clock -
Yours very most truly
F. Hightengale

My dear Dr. Farr
As you see I am
back in the land
(not of figs but) of
books. And I beg

TESTIMONIAL. - The meteorological contributions to the Registrar-General's quarterly returns, and others, have presented to Dr. Barker, of Bedford, a handsome striking skeleton clock, upon a marble plinth. The following inscription indicates the occasion of the testimonial. "Presented to Thomas Herbert Barker, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., by the officers and members of the British Meteorological Society, and others, as a memorial of their esteem, and a recognition of his successful exertions in obtaining for them the recirculation of the reports of the Registrar-General, which had been withdrawn by a Treasury minute."

I humbly & hope
that you will come &
see me -

I am entirely enchanted
by your summary of

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

If you could look
in any way



Office this evening,
you would find Mr.
Lutherland here -
between 5 & 6 o'clock -

Yours very most truly
F. Hightengale

30 Old Burlington St.
W Feb 28/59

My dear Dr. Farr

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

I am entirely enchanted
by your summary of

the Weeklier for '58
desperately by the
Paragraph about the
"2000 Medical Men"
& the "Midnight-rush".

Could you tell us
whether you can give
us the Mortality
Returns of the School
Masters & Mistresses
of the Schools which
receive the Privy
Council grant ~~separate~~
from the others. The
Census, I suppose, does

not distinguish?

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

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

30 Old Bushington St. W
Feb 25/59

My dear Dr. Farr

I have sent a leader & the
"Builder" (which has been accepted)
about St. Thomas' removal - I think
it best not to ~~attach~~^{try} the Medical
papers, because they will be up
in arms about their schools!
But you know best - On the
other side the sheet you will
find the facts about St. Thomas'
written by Luther Land - & please
put a Paragraph into the
"Times" on some of the great
Luminaries - We love Betty,
let us win St. Thomas's,

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

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

In reading any Medical
book about Nursing, I am
always struck by the advance
that common sense has made
lately upon medical sense.

If I were a mother, I should
discuss a nurse (for doing
what Dr. Lee recommends,
as very great lights) as
being in very great darkness.

Yours sincerely F. Nightingale

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Highgate
June 2/59

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(6)

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

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

A. R.

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

& give us your opinion
upon the whole of them
& the kind of forms
that should be used!

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

but, too late

I had noticed the
misprint you mention
in my "Notes" - it is
a misprint - it was
right in the evidence -
it is a most unfortunate
one & shall be
corrected in a fly
leaf -

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Highgate

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June 5/59 (7)

My dear Dr. Farr
Mr. Herbert has
just been here

We agree that the
information we want
for the ^{new} Commission's
Report is the inclosed.

Can this be got
from the India Ho:
papers (Lulloch's former
tables) We think
not. You will know

whether it can or not.

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

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

Would not these

forms answer for the
heads I. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. in the
enclosed paper?

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

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

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

Would you be so
very kind as to
consider these matters

Edinburgh & Dundee
if the forms were sent to them
Yours sincerely

J. Nightingale

I have had the
losing Page 30 re-
printed

It is a curious
specimen of Printers'
corrections (?) Both
the 1st Proof & the
Revised were right,
as I find on reference.
The Printers put in
^{the error} of their own heads
for the "Rep" copies

Nightingale
June 13/59

Dear Dr. Farr

I have never thanked
you for the corrected
Crimean Tables, including
the Deaths in Battle -

= I sent two copies
of my "Notes on
Hospitals" for Messrs.
Clode & Hammett
to the G. R. O. &
would you express

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

the labor has not
been quite wasted.

Perhaps too again
I am reckoning on
"benefits future", as
p. ^{of the same book} 2, records (in a
note) our want of
Hospital Tables -

Dr. Ritchie has
told me of three
Hospitals in Scotland
where they would
gladly accept &
use them - Glasgow,

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30 Old Burlington Ct. ⑨
Aug 3/59

Dear Dr. Farr

I acknowledge the receipt of your Yess:

We have not yet mastered sufficiently the processes of arithmetic to ascertain how many copies will be wanted.

But, as soon as we do, we will send to you for your approval.

~~The number appears~~
~~to be so great that~~
~~We~~ should like to know
whether any progress
has been made in
ascertaining how much
of the information
can be obtained at
home, & which, if any,
of the forms can be
filled up at the
Adj. Gen's, Army Med.
Dep't or elsewhere at
home.

Yours sincerely

J. Nightingale

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

Yr

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Montague Grove
Hampstead
Aug 31/59

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(10)

Dear Dr. Farr
J. Stuart Mill says
that "the impunity of
calumny" has produced
in the world's history
worse effects than
almost any thing else.
I say the "impunity of
error" has so. I am
entirely anti- Reaction.
Quietism, whether in
religion or in the
world's business is
my ab. repugnance -
It is nothing but laziness.

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

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Sir C. Wood, Mr.
Herbert tells me today,
"has got a surgeon," after
much search, who is to
do your forms at the India Ho:
(Tom Owen)

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Montague Grove.
Hampstead (11)
Sept. 14/39

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

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

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

A propos of Hospitals
Statistical forms

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

not been able to get
them filled up -

Have you any data
in the G. H. Office of
the London Hospitals
which could be rendered
available for filling
up these? to any extent?

Or could you from all
you know of the London
Hospitals tell me
which would be most
likely to give the
information on any
part of it?

St. Thomas's appears

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Nampettad NW

Oct 31/59

Dear Dr. Farr

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

I ask this because
our Sanitary Questions
on the Stations are
either gone on on
their way ^{to going} to India.
And the Replies to
them will be of
little use unless
we have the Statistical
Statisticians.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I have never heard
anything but a
meagre newspaper
report of the tussle
between you &
Rumsey at Bradford.
I hope you were not killed.
L.H.

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Oak hill House (13)
Trognaal
Hamptstead NW
Nov 14/59

Dear Dr. Tarr

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

sanction it today in
words.

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

Yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

Hampstead NW
Dec 6/59

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

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Oak Hill House (15)
Trognaal
Hampstead NW.
Jan 9/60

My dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

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

And if so I would
waive my prior pleasure

of seeing them - especially
those Returns shewing the
Deaths, Admissions, Discharges,
& Loss of Efficiency at
each Station.

Your four Clerks
have been sanctioned
at the Treasury.

Mr. Herbert comes
back to town this week.

Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

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

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Hampstead NW

Jan 31/60

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Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

If you are kind

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

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

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

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

Yours ever sincerely
Thightwale

I hope to be in town on Friday.

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

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

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30 Old Burlington St. (17)

W.

April 2/60

My dear Dr. Farr
In private: Mr. Herbert
will speak to Sir B.
Hawes about your
being misinformed (to
any extent you like)
at the W.O., as to
their estimates & accounts.
And any day that
you like to call upon
Sir B. at the W.O.,

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

Mr Herbert

2. He will speak to
Milnes Gibson about
putting Letherland
on to the Commission
for the International
Congress, (in order to
help Simon)

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

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

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

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(for Return of Indian
Queen's Trooper) & to
desire ^{him} to call for extra
assistance for doing
so -

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

Dear Sir,
I enclose list for my
Hospital Statistics
(prospective) asks
you the following
questions; upon which
I ask, why did
not you ask them
yourself when Dr.
Farr was here, &
which the answer
is not so clear -

Believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Compulsory Sick Returns
be more obnoxious
than a Compulsory
Death Return?

The public benefits
would infinitely out-
weigh any petty
inconvenience in filling
up these Returns.
And, when taken with
the Sick Returns of
Hospitals, Asylums,
Workhouses &c, they
would afford insight
into problems of great
importance - Yours sincerely
Frederic Maitland

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(18)

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30 Old Burlington St
W. April 21/00

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

population.

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

Why should a

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30 Old Burlington St. (19)
April 28/60

Dear Dr. Parr

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

Ought not his
House Enquiry to
include

1. cellar or basement,

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

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

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

Yours very truly
Thringate

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

"the information which
"I received led me to
"the conclusion that
"the result is not
"peculiarly instructive".
All this, being interpreted
means, "Mr. Waddington
does not like to take
the trouble." The letter is
an exact fac-simile
of some which I
have from Aicey, Filder,
Andrew Smith & Las.
Lord Raglan. It is a
"Horse Guards" letter. If
you think that any
thing more can be done,
pray say so. I'm your man
J.H.

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30 Old Bushington St.
May 10/60

(20)

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

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

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

of the Bill on the
Notice Paper of the
Ho. of Lords!

Yours sincerely
F. Thring

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30 Old Burlington St.
May 12/60

Dear Mr. Farr

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

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

I wrote both to
Lord Grey & to Lord
Shaftesbury yesterday.
The former answers
as you see.

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

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

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

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May 31/60 (22)

Dear Dr. Farr

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

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

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

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

viz: as I understood
that you should
not pledge the
W. O. to adopt
the Congress's
conclusions, when
you were
likely to be do
much more
well-founded -

Yours sincerely
F. H. H. H.

5474/23

30 Old Burlington St.
W. June 21/60

(23)

Dear Dr. Farr

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

One room shall
always be yours.

[You may want
I have some place
where you can

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

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

And breakfast
you can always
have -]

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

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

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

quaking meanwhile
in his shoes at
Berlin, without
any renewal
whatever.

5474/24 317230
30 Old Burlington St
W Aug 6/60 (24)

Dear Mr. Tarn

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

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

Yours Sincerely
J. Highbridge

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

2. as regards the classification

The more cursory examination of the forms would have shown the objectors that, in as far as the forms were concerned, the classification is intended to facilitate the process of recording & to diminish the length of the disease list by one half.

5474/25/1

317230

Upper Terrace
Hamstead
Sept 6/60

(25)

My dear Dr. Farr

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

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

P. Conwell said
the which lasted
24 hours was worth
drinking. My
experience of life
is quite the same.

I think you
should answer
the M. Times:—

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

place, he surrenders
the ground already
taken by the Congress
at previous Meetings
and 2. Surrender
scientific accuracy
on the plea of trouble.

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

the almost endless
varieties of diseased
Action in different
organs. And we
must have better
~~Reasons~~ for
diminishing the
list of "ills that
flesh is heir to"
than any that
have yet appeared
against these
Towns which
rather, it is to
be hoped, will
before long be in use
in all Hospitals.
Sincerely yours F. H. H. H. H.

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

4. Any ~~at~~ reduction
of the number of
diseases on the list
would, in the first

that is too late
now. The Queen
starts this week.

I wish the
Hospital Statistical
Forms could have
been got before
the Glasgow Meeting.
Already I think
the objections in
the Med. Times have
told against them
in the provincial
mind -

Yours sincerely
Thistlethwaite

5474/26

A. Jackson's Esq. 317230
Upper Terrace - Hampstead
NW

Sept 16/50

Dear Dr. Farn

I hear that the
Liverpool Town Council
has taken deep
offence at something
you have said.

Newlands, McGowan
& others are going
to try their hands
again at Glasgow
to prove, not only

that your statistics
are all wrong -
but that direct, ~~with~~
with cesspits & middens,
~~are~~ the healthiest
town in England.
As I understand
this is not the
old story raked
up again - but
something new -

I hope you
are & he at

Glasgow - to refute it -
therefore -

I have heard
nothing from you
about anything -

I wish that
my letter about
Basil & the R.
Royal could have
been written
before the R. Cousins
went there; who,
for his own credit,
would have urged
it. But I fear

I have received from
Bouquet (? from
Kenschling) several
pamphlets about
this State Congress.

I see Ed Broughen
says that all politics
must rest upon
statistics -

Ever truly yours
Wright

5474/27

Hamptstead NW (27)
Oct 7/60

Dear Dr. Farr
I was exceedingly
edified by your
letter & the "Medical
Times" upon Hospital
Statistical Forms -
I think it is the
very best thing I
have ever seen of
yours in that line.
And that is saying

a great deal.

They will answer
it, if they have any
pluck.

Thank you very
much for the enclosed.
Balfour is crook.
Poor old Guletto.
His letters are very
characteristic of
himself.

I have had a
perfect war of

correspondence with
Mühry. Some day
I hope to show it
you. In the mean
while, I keep to
my opinion that
they have to learn
the very A B C
of practical Sanitary
Science. Mühry
throws at me all
the long-forgotten
prejudices of thirty
years ago ^{in England} by way
of arguments.

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317230

Oct 11/60

(28)

Dear Dr. Farr

On looking over
the book you have just
sent me, I find
the decision of the
Iceland Congress at
p. 235 (in Capitals.)
which settles the
principles upon which
classification is to be
carried out, viz. "in
reference to the

bearing on Statistics,
Medicine and the
Public Health."

You have only to
show that your
classification fulfils
these conditions &
that all others do not.

I have applied
at St. Thomas's for
Dr. Stone's papers
&c

Yours sincerely
F.H.

does imply labour.
And it is because
You have not given
it, that we have
no Hospital statistics
worth having.

You see that
the Paris Hospitals
are bestirring
themselves to
organize their
statistics. And
now is the time
for Mr. Legoyt to
better himself

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(29)

Hampstead NW
Oct 20/60

Dear Dr. Farr
Dr. Stone has
not shewn the
slightest sign of life
as I sending him
his Hospital paper,
altho' he has
promised it every
day during the
last week. My
own idea is that
we have seen the

last of it we even
shall see.

I enclose a
Note of his which
apparently grants
the whole Case -
viz. that he has
attacked your
scheme without
having one to
propose of his own.

He will answer
your letter of today
though, depend upon
it. And then I

think you should
bring out your
whole serious rejoinder.

Mr. Lupton's letter
of today grants
all we want.

And indeed
there has never
been any serious
objection made,
excepting - "this
will take trouble
& labour". And
he answers, "yes,
we want correctness
which certainly

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I see your
classification adopted.
I return the
two Reports with
many thanks.

They are highly
satisfactory in
this sense - P. 235
1857

Some months
ago, I got inserted
into the leading
Medical journals
of Paris an Article
on the proposed
Hospital Registration

And you see they
are at work -

Look at P. 383
of Odger's Medical
Amier.

Dr. Lutherland
showed me your
correspondence
about Stark &
Co. And he is
going to send you
an answer.

Yours sincerely
Thiptingale

I be attacked
in return -
Yours sincerely
Thightingale

5474/39

Mr. A. Jackson's 317230
Upper Terrace (30)
Hampstead NW
Oct 22/60

Dear Mr. Farr
If this is not
a quack, what is?
Should you be
walking over
Hampstead Heath
some day, I would
look in here, you
might perhaps find
the sacred trust
lying on the table.
It is certainly

not the work of a
"Scientific Nosologist."

For all such
purposes, it would
do just as well
if arranged according
to the letters of
the Alphabet.

As a practical
Nurse, it stirs
my strongest feelings
of indignation
ignoring as it does
all causation, and

treating diseases
as if they were
accidents - (as to
organs)

I shall tell
Dr. Stone that
though I may
(perhaps) keep
his secret, yet
the joke is much
too good an one
to be kept -
the quack attacking
& not choosing

from your office
2. the Weekly Nos.
sold at present
3. the Weekly Nos.
at present gratuitously
distributed.

Mr. Herbert says
that the postage is
what the Treasury
will object to!

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5474/31

317230 NW
Hempstead NW
Oct 23/60 (31)

Dear St. John

I was exceedingly
amused with St.
Lazcock's allusion
(in his letter to you)
to "a person of the"
name of Trevelyan,
who had deprived
him of your
Weekly Statistics.

You will perhaps
remember that the

last thing before
Lovelace went out
of the Treasury,
I had a correspondence
with him on this
very subject. And
he said I had
made out my
case. But he
could not rescind
his resolution.

On Sunday I
asked Mr. Herbert
whether he would
lay the case before

Mr. Gladstone [to
this gentleman the
undoing what "a
person of the name
of Lovelace" has done
will be a strong
inducement]

To make an
effective case, will
you get for me
... the weekly
circulation of the
London Weekly Return
at the time it was
distributed gratuitously.

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317230,

(32)

Mr. A. Jackson
Upper Terrace
Hamstead
NW

Oct 25/60

Dear Mr. Larr

If you could come
over to look at the
wonderful trout
& morrow, (Friday)
we have a dinner
& bed & offer you
& my father is here.

Yours sincerely

J. Nightingale

5474/33

317230

(33)

Hampstead NWV
Dec 5/60

My dear Mr. Laro
As you have
been so kind as
to stand god-father
to Mühlberg's papers
at the R. Geographical
Soc^y, I hereby
trouble you further
with the said
papers, together
with his letter,

— without any
comment of my
own.

It might be
as well to call
the attention of
the Secretary of
the Geop. Soc. to the
request contained
in the last page
of Dr. Müllberg's
letter to me.

As perhaps
you will think

it better just to
let the papers
follow the usual
course —

[It seems to
me almost more
adapted to the
Royal Soc^y than
to the Geop. Soc^y]

Ever yours sincerely
Th. Huxley