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10, SOUTH STREET,  
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Dr. Balfour

I cannot tell you the pleasure with which I saw your handwriting again. How many recollections we have together.

Your decision as to the Hospital for incurables establishment is a most wise one. I will immediately try to find some lady suitable to recommend to you as Sup<sup>t</sup>. But we do not like to recommend any one but

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those of whom we have had experience. And there are those who have been not only trained but tried & employed by us. And for these there is such a demand to head <sup>conduct</sup> trained staffs which we are asked to send out to ~~that~~ that we are often at our wit's end. Nothing can be more important than your Hospital for Incurables. I bid you 'God speed' with all my might. It is put on a good footing is a noble work. I wish

we may be able to help you in it.

Yes: Sir John McNeill lent me his reprint of the Chelsea Annals. And Mr. Kinglake had sent me his book last autumn. I have never opened it. It was enough to hear what was in it. It was too painful. I rejoice, like you, that Sir John fought the battle 'Die again'. I read all my old friends over again.

in haste, & hoping to write to you again, & with kindest regards to Mrs. Balfour, pray believe me ever sincerely yours  
Florence Nightingale