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Letter received by Frederic Andrews from
Florence Nightingale, dated 10 September 1861

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Hampstead NW
Sept 10/61

Sir

The list of Patients
you have enclosed
rather confirms me
in what I have
stated - but is too
small in numbers ^{for me}
to come to any definite
conclusion.

I should require
to know the numbers
for whom you intend
to build - whether

equal for men & women
x

The curious fact
comes out of your
list of "Candidates"
"as Home Patients" -
that there are two men^x
to thirty women

I should classify
such cases ^{as those} in the list
into one large & several
small wards. But,
as I say, the numbers
are too few to judge.

It is certainly
impossible to put an

x one of whom is Epilepsy
one _{2.} Aneurism of the Aorta

Admission of the Astor
into the same ward
with an Epilepsy case.
I am not aware
whether your "Out-
Patients" tally with
what we call "Out-
Patients" at General
Hospitals. or whether
they are cases waiting to come in.

I think the list
bears out the remarks
I have made, on the
whole - and shows
that more than
ordinary care is
requisite in arranging

the details of the plans.
If you desire me
to look at them, I
should prefer seeing
the rough draft plans
first, in order to
avoid expensive
alterations afterwards.

Your site is well
chosen. The gravelly
soil about Cogdon
is good. But it
requires to be very
carefully drained. &
for your Hospital
to be well raised

Above the surrounding
ground.

This is all important
- as I have known
schools, for want of
these precautions,
proverbially unhealthy,
in that proverbially
healthy soil.

I do not think
that your situation
alters my conclusion
that, except in wards
of not under 20 beds,
1500 Cub. ft are

occupy her patient.
Merely judging
from the list,
I should say that
some of your
"Incurables" might
turn out Curables
with such
advantages -

Such happy
accidents have
happened to me.

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
J. Andrew Esq