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Letter received by Dr Balfour from
Florence Nightingale, dated 29 April 1881

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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^t. But we do not like to recommend any one but

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those of whom we have had
 experience. And these
 are those who have been
 not only trained but
 tried & employed by us.
 And for these there is such
 a demand of head ^{& conduct} & trained
 staffs which we are
 asked to send out to ~~Hospitals~~ that
 we are often at our wits 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 O'Neill sent me
his reprint of the Chelsea
Commision. And Mr Kinglake
brought 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
'o'er again'. I read all my
old friend over again.

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

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