

Description: This group of letters acquired with the second part of the Nightingale collection, consists, with minor exceptions of correspondence from Sister Mary Gonzaga (Georgiana) Barrie (1825-1873), a Sister of Mercy from Bermondsey, to her sister Julia (Mrs. Edward Boodle) during the Crimean War. Sister Mary Gonzaga was one of the original group of women who accompanied Florence Nightingale to the Crimean theatre of war. She remained there until May, 1856.

Dates: 1834-1866

Location: Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27

Items 6 cm. of textual records

Inventory:

- 1) n.d.
To "My dear Papa". Asks to have a horse to ride for the day.
A.L.S. 1p.
- 2) Dec. 25, 1834/5
From Lady Julia Barrie, 19 Berkeley Square. To Miss Georgiana Barrie, Ripley Castle, Harrogate. Says that "your dear father" is in better health. "Against I come back I hope to find you more of a young lady and less of a vulgar hoyden."
Domestic details.
A.L.S. 3p.
- 3) Nov. 13, 1854
To "My dearest Grasshopper" (Julia Boodle). From Scutari Hospital. First letter following arrival in Scutari. Discusses briefly quarters, work, voyage, weather and surroundings. Asks for some medical supplies to be sent to her. Copy of letter (8p.) in an unknown hand,
- 4) Dec. 1, 1854
To "My dear Julia". From Scutari Barracks. Scolds her sister for publishing one of her letters. Acknowledges receipt of some items she had asked for, including wormwood to repel fleas. Much religious activity around the hospital - services, scripture readings. Patients more sick than wounded. Encountered someone who gave her news of Canadian friends. Asks for stationery, pens and pencils, biscuits, etc . Mentions rats.
A.L.S. 4p.

- 5) Feb. 7, 1855
To "My dear Sisters". Describes a walk on Marmora shore. Encountered someone who reminded her of Kingston. Description of hospital and patients. Greetings to friends.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 6) Mar. 3 or 4, 1855
To "Dear Mrs. Judy McCan". From General Hospital, Scutari. Talks of views and flowers. Mentions letters received. Working in kitchen. "Fever" common. Earth tremors.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 7) Mar. 25, 1855
To "My dear Juey". From Scutari Barracks. Acknowledges receipt of box of tools. Discusses work and patients and possible capture of Sebastopol. Remarks again on the beauty of "Asia".
A.L.S. 4p.
- 8) Apr. 9, 1855
To "My dear Juey". From Scutari Barracks. Trouble at Kulali where "new nurses" had been established. Encountered Alfred Green, a family friend. Still another earthquake. Decrease in number of hospital deaths. More on wild flowers, etc. Sebastopol not yet taken. Would like a telescope.
A.L.S. 6p.
- 9) Apr. 14, 1855
To "My dearest Juey". From Scutari Barrack Hospital. Sends some weed specimens. More descriptions of flowers. Encounter with two children who took her to see their home and garden.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 10) June 18, 1855
To "My dearest Grasshopper". Weather very hot. Miss Nightingale better. No definite news from Sebastopol. Has a Turkish-English grammar. Family comment.
A.L.S. 2p.
- 11) July 19, 1855 To "My dear Juey", From Scutari Barrack Hosp. Comments on some new nurses as "low creatures". Some cholera cases. Weather hot but she is in good health. Continues study of Turkish. Ordered new shoes. Comments on family and friends and correspondence.
A.L.S. 4p.

- 12) Aug. 20, 1855
To "Dear Juey". From Scutari Barracks. Discusses sister Dolly and family quarrel. Not likely to be going up to Balaklava. Health not robust. Comments on family friends. Improvements in living quarters.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 13) Oct. 1, 1855
To "My dear Julia". From Scutari Barrack Hospital. Congratulates her sister on birth of fifth child. Suggests that no letters be sent pending news. Trouble over "free gifts". Weather lovely.
A.L.S. 3p.
- 14) Oct. 29, 1855
To "Dearest Grasshopper". From Scutari Barracks. Civilian orderlies have arrived in their uniforms designed by Prince Albert who "since he has the vocation for being a tailor so strongly developed" should "set up a shop in Regents St. and let the army alone". New troops passing through. News of friends she had seen or heard of. Had been ill and might have been sent home, but recovered. Not sure that women nurses is a good idea. Staff not well organized.
A.L.S. 6p.
- 15) Dec. 25, 1855
To "My dearest Juey". From Scutari Barrack Hospital. Talks of German patients with whom she could converse a little and of their celebration of Christmas. Recollections of life and friends in Kingston. Patients and troops in the barracks. Cold weather, but less snow than last year.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 16) Jan. 27, 1856
To "My dearest Juey". From Scutari Barrack Hospital. Very few patients. Rumours of peace. Many troops about. New sisters have come from Bermondsey. Wants a lamp or lantern for night work. Family talk.
A.L.S. 4p.
- 17) May 7, 1856
To "My dear Juey Grasshopper". "On board the Transport Victoria No. 72." Rough voyage and she has been seasick. She is accompanying Rev. Mother M. Clare Moore whose health has been poor and is being invalided home. Describes departure and the voyage. A number of invalided troops on board. Letter continued on May 10. Description of Gibraltar. Ends with arrival in England.
A.L.S. 4p.

- 18) n.d. (1866?)
To "My dearest Juey". Tells her story of taking a deranged nun to an asylum at Bruges. (This incident possibly contributed to the temporary closing of the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth and to the return of Sister Mary Gonzaga to the convent at Bermondsey.)
A.L.S. 10p.
- 19) May 20, 1866
To "My dear Mrs. Boodle". From Alfred S. Green, 10 Eaton Place South. Says he does not know how best to help Georgy in her present difficulties. Praises her character and goodness, but feels she would be wise to be conciliatory.
A.L.S. 12p.
- 20) n.d.
To "Dear Mrs. G_____". From Sister Mary Gonzaga, Scutari Hospital, Nov. 24 (1854?). Newspaper clipping quoting letter to wife of a wounded soldier who died at Scutari.
D. 1p.