I thank you very much for all your kindness. The poor child is at this moment at Richmond, but where we do not know. I went into the country yesterday afternoon to organize something for Mrs. Chisholm, & found the mother of the girl (an Irish widow living in a shed by the roadside) in great distress about this child, who had run away. I had known her before. She thought that she could catch her again, if a place could be found which would receive her when taken. She has been about a month in this life. I am sorry that you should have the trouble of going to the Good Shepherd on purpose for this. If you were to write!— I am to see a person at 12 o’clock about this poor child—but, as I shall have nothing then definite to tell her, it will not be of much consequence if the answer is put off till tomorrow. I shall be truly glad to see Miss Lockhart, if we are still in London on Friday.

Florence Nightingale

Since I wrote this, I have learnt that a girl can be received at the Good Shepherd upon the payment of £2.2, if they have room. I think therefore it would be wrong in me to trouble you to go.

Very gratefully yours
FN

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