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Dearest friend

I must "seize the pen" - or I never shall write at all. Every day of this week it has been on my mind & thanks you for your great kindness upon the matter of Miss Lowell & the translating M. d'Haussonville's book. But Mr. Lowell won't authorize me to trouble you at all. He distrusts his sister's powers perhaps a little. He does not like to get you & M. Mohl into a troublesome negotiation with Lévy. He is none the less grateful to you. I would have gladly paid any money to Lévy

God bless you - we, dearest, yours
E. Nightingale

there was to pay, if that had been all.] But he won't engage us in the business so low, perhaps as I think doubting whether any engagement might be fulfilled at this (his sister's) end. So you are to understand that he is none the less grateful to you (- & to M. d'Hauconville, if the latter has been willing.) but gratefully declines.

But surely the articles published in the Revue des 2 Mondes came down to a later date than the Le Pols. I read the Articles every word. They brought the story down to the time Pius VII

leaves France on his return to Rome. I only looked at the 4 Vols cursorily when I sent them to Miss Lowell. but it appeared not to bring the story down so far as the breaking up of the Napoleon Church Council at Paris. [But that may be my mistake.]]

I will take care to ask particularly whether in the Diplomatic Service it is thought essential that an Ambassador should <u>not</u> know the language of the Country to which he is accredited.
Of one thing I am certain:— that it would be an essential improvement to the Government & Indian Service of this Country if all the officials did not know

how to read & write. [Else we shall come to a dead lock.] I should make it a condition, a sine qua non in Civil Service Examinations, that the candidates should not know how to write, at least.

My hand is so bad that I am essentially in the condition of not knowing how to write, except in pencil. So I must stop. I shall look forward to seeing you this summer & also M. Molk. Please tell him to & thank him for his so kind & interesting letter

I have got the Articles, & some great photographs, of the lions on purpose to read them properly with the pictures in consequence of your recommendation

There's enthusiasm for you. (Montégut's in the 2 Mondes I mean)

yours