

South Fortmouth. R. I.  
Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Dear Major Ford,

I have not accept  
the Amsterdam en-  
gagement. I have  
been quite ill, this  
summer, and my  
children are much  
opposed to my in-  
dertaking any work

have departed. much in early.

involving a journey.  
I wish very much  
that you would  
give the message -  
ment to my daughter  
to Mrs Hall, whose  
circular I enclose  
herewith. She is a  
phrasing speaker and  
a very bright woman,  
"A lady friend of  
yours in London  
asks me to give her

some facts about Horace Right-  
ingale. I have written some  
thing about her in my volume  
of Reminiscences, and intend  
writing ~~some~~ something more, on  
my own account, so that I  
can hardly be expected to give  
my thoughts about her to  
another writer, a stranger to  
me. I think she would find  
my book in the library of her  
Ornithological Museum, because they  
make a point of having every  
book that is published. I have  
seen no notice of Miss A's  
death, but suppose that she may