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10 Bell St. Friday

My dearest Lovie

Thanks for the

Yours ever loving  
& ardent  
Studds & Key. They came yesterday

and I have been studying the tongue  
of a limpet, and the suckers of

an Edinna all the morning with

the microscope, and enjoying un-

packing it very much. It was

quite unimpaired. I dare say you

have heard from some of the home

parts about Sir F. Kelly's opinion.

It was sadly against us. He said

decidedly that the Senatus could

not admit a woman. Even if

I shall be glad, as there is no more time before the mid-  
day post.

They wished to do so; as the Charter stands now, such a thing would be impossible. This was of course very unpleasant, but I stuck the letter into my deepest pocket and determined to say nothing to anyone here about it; not even to my friends; thinking that while the knowledge of its contents was confined to me and my pocket rocket, they would not do so much harm as they were capable of doing if they came to the enemies' ears.

That had hard work not to tell Dr. Day + Miss Otte, especially as

they knew I was expecting to hear from Sir F. Kelly, but I did manage not to give even a hint of having had any communication with him.

Yesterday Mr. Campbell Smith had a consultation with the Lord Advocate of Scotland, and to my joy he entirely differs from Sir F. Kelly, being quite clear that the Charter does not make it impossible for a woman to attend college classes. Though he admits that a considerable discretionary power rests with the Senatus; they may, in his opinion, refuse any one, male or female, if they think it necessary to do so.

I am greatly delighted with his views.  
Of course the Senators may now  
stand out on their own responsi-  
bility, but they know that in doing  
so they lay themselves open to an  
action. I believe that by granting  
me tickets, they have thrown  
away their discretionary power,  
as far as I am concerned. They  
meet today to consider the matter.  
I wish I could be invisibly at their  
meeting. Dr. Day cannot get up  
some horrid steps leading to their  
Council room, so that he cannot  
be there either. Wish let you  
have a letter on Monday morning.  
If you can manage to let Emily  
know about the L<sup>d</sup> Advocate's opinion.

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Tuesday Evening

4 Nov 1852

My dearest Son

I have been  
writing so much to dear Father  
that you will feel quite up to  
all my news of the last few  
days though I have not written  
to you. First let me thank you  
for your letter. I enjoyed them  
so much. and my dear boy's  
kisses! I should be almost as-  
-hamed of letting some people  
guess how I liked the sight of  
them, here are some for him  
and Biddy.

Benjamin  
own.

I cannot tell you how much  
pleasure dear Father's kind  
letters have given me, it is  
wonderfully good of him not to  
get tired of these continual  
struggles and fights. Not having  
any interest in the subjects in the  
mean time, must make the  
unpleasant parts seem the only  
prominent thing in the business.  
I have some news to give you  
as to how things are going on, so  
if Father & Alice have left you  
when this arrives, perhaps you  
will remember to give them the  
substance of the new facts.  
In the first place I must tell you

The Senators resolved today to send  
back the Matric<sup>n</sup> fee, so when  
I returned from walking with  
Mrs Day this afternoon, I found  
Mr McBean (the poor man  
who gave me the ticket) waiting  
for me. Mr Pringle came up  
stairs with an alarmed look  
today he was here, & would I  
see him? he was a very nice  
gentleman. Thinking he had  
merely called out of sympathy  
or civility I of course said I  
should be glad to see him &  
made him welcome. He seemed  
very uncomfortable, and almost  
ready to cry, and at last said  
he never had had anything to

do which he hated so much, in-  
-deed he did not deserve my  
kindness and that's it! and at  
the word he deposited a little  
paper wrappage on the table.  
I looked mystified, & he added  
'Oh! ma'am its the fee! I can't  
help it, &c &c.' So I asked him  
to be comforted as to his share,  
I knew he had no more to do  
with it than I had, but that  
he must pick it up again for  
me. I would not. He  
said: The orders of the Senate  
were positive, and that he must  
leave it, so I said I should return  
it in an envelope as soon as  
he left the house, which I have  
done, adding a letter to say  
that till the question was decided

legally against <sup>Concl</sup> me being allowed <sup>Am/29.38</sup>  
to retain the matriculation ticket  
I could not consent to have the  
fee <sup>paid</sup> made for the same returned  
to me. So he will have to inform  
the Senate that this ~~little~~ ~~dodge~~  
will not answer. Father's telegram  
came while Mr. McBean was here  
so I got the information for my  
answer straight from him.

Dr. Talbot came to Dr. Day before  
the meeting today, and Dr. Day  
took the opportunity <sup>to use his power</sup> of selling  
~~his soul on my behalf~~ <sup>his persuasion in my</sup> ~~behalf~~. When  
I went in afterward he said I  
ought to be very grateful to him,  
for he had been telling a dreadful  
number of Orans for me. When  
reported they were to the effect that

My Father had this matter very much at heart, and would be glad to employ some very able person to investigate the whole question connected with the ancient right of women to graduate, & would not think £100 guineas too much to give for such investigation, provided it was found possible to admit me. Dr. Day had thought of doing it himself, but it had occurred to him that it was more in Duloch's way than his! So off went the V. Chanc. to the meeting chewing the cud of reflection over this hint, and when he came back afterward, by his own account he had been standing up for me very saliently! Fearing this man the

great light of the Scotch Church: true poverty is not without its snares, any more than wealth. The Senators are acting with some want of generosity in refusing to hold any of their meetings in Dr. Day's house. They often do so in ordinary cases, and just now he is suffering so much from his knee that he could not attempt to get even as far as he does occasionally. He is wonderfully good & patient. However the special committee appointed to consider the question will meet in his room tomorrow. One of his old pupils, still a student of the University, came to see him today, & Dr. Day asked him what the feeling was among the students, and he said



They were almost to a man on my  
side, so much so that when some  
allusion was made in the Introduc-  
-tory lecture today to the advances  
of female education by my arch-  
-enemy Forbes there was a regular  
tumult of cries of applause, they  
taking the opportunity of showing  
their sentiments. Their feeling is  
that the Senatus is treating me  
very unjustly. This student told  
S<sup>r</sup> Day that the Senior students  
of the two colleges were to meet  
to night and consider the question  
and if (as he thinks certain)  
They pass a resolution unanimo-  
-ly approving of my admission,  
a general meeting of all the  
students will be called, and  
a memorial prepared for them

signature expressive of their good  
feeling in the matter. Even if we  
fail ultimately, to have all the  
3 medical professors and the students  
on my side, will be good points.  
I am extremely glad about the  
students, I was afraid the conduct  
of the Senatus would cause them  
animo the other way, and though  
an ovation would not be pleasant, it  
would be less trying than an outburst  
of wrath + malice.

Now, now with answer your letter.  
I was glad about Mr. Maurice. Though  
I had heard it yesterday from his Ott.  
I suppose it would not be prohibe  
for you to ask for his opinion?

Emily says Mr. Davies finds Mr. His reasons  
for staying more hard to understand now  
than the former ones for going were; but we  
must not expect every thing to be logical.  
I do admire your squeezed up writing  
very much my dear. The Sunday was  
not a dull day by any means, tho'  
the sermon was to the back bone; I did  
not try the means, knowing the pre-  
judice Scotch people have against  
any music, even sacred, on Sunday.  
Mrs. P. & her daughter would have  
thought <sup>me</sup> a heathen, & I think it is  
a pity to shock people till they know  
you pretty well. There is so much to  
tell you etc. I wish you could come  
& stay a week & bring Godfrey & Alice.  
There's a suggestion! Yours ever, E. J.