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My dear Emily

You shall have one of

the 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the new house. I came here this morning & am alone at present as James has gone to see John & Sarah tonight. Dr. Willis has been this evening for the first lesson & it went off very comfortably & with no awkwardness. Being the first, he examined from the beginning & he found that I had read thoroughly as far as I had gone, which was satisfactory. I wish you had told me what the grammar faults were, I was thinking with regret the other day that no one took the trouble to correct me

on this or any kindred subject now. I am often afraid that I may be needing friendly criticism & hints about manner & speech very much. I am glad your meeting went off so well, and that you are fairly started now as a recognized worker for the cause. Miss Smith & I agreed the other day that it was just the work for your special powers. I do miss the dear presence of Miss Smith's presence here very much, though I had not seen much of her actually. It was very nice to see her with Miss Bostock, her manner was indescribably refreshing. Some tells me that the parents have not quite left off calling my profession disgusting, which is provoking as I had thought them quite cured of that delusion.

However some think they say it to her partly for the sake of hearing all she can say against such a notion, that <sup>their</sup> true convictions on the right side may be built up. I dare say there is something in this, & at any rate, now that my Mother does not make herself miserable upon the subject I can contentedly leave their entire conversion to the gradual <sup>result</sup> effect of seeing the effect the work does, actually take on me. I feel that this ought to be very manifestly good, if it do not make one humbler & more quietened it must be hardening, as all lost good influences seem to be. Dr. Willis has given me plenty to do for the next lesson so that with Mr. Plastrick, Miss Dewey & hospital attendance I shall be fully employed.

I do no mousing now, but merely go into  
the wards to watch the cases. I get to the  
hospital soon after 8, read till 9, then go  
into the medical <sup>ward</sup> & examine the patients &  
talk to them till Dr. Willis comes. After  
going round 4 wards with him, it is time  
~~for~~ to go to Mr. Plastritt & he keeps me  
till between 2 & 3. To-day I was nearly  
faint from want of food, as he made  
me go on reading Latin to him till 3 o'clock,  
though I had protested at 2 that I was very  
hungry. He had some time to spare & did  
not realize how hungry I was. I shall insist  
upon going sooner another time, with  
an early breakfast & constant exercise  
food in the middle of the day is absolutely  
necessary. Annie's class for servants & young  
women stands very promising. I fancy