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St Agnes Villa July 8.

Sunday afternoon
July 1860

Yours ever
E.G.

John Ever
Jane.

What do you think?
I am glad you are
getting better.

I have a good deal to
write you, but I must condense it as I have
been writing now for two hours and do not
read a little to day. My plans have been
changed a good deal since I wrote last.
I hope you ^{will} ~~would~~ not object to our present
intentions. Mr. Hawes was cordial enough
yesterday morning, but he evidently feels
that the individual fitness of those who make
the first attempt in England is of the very
highest importance, and he feels that the diffi-
culties to be overcome, will need a very strong
determination. He asked me if I had any

approved, if I requested it, and
I think it too better

idea of the nature of these difficulties, and when I said that it was because I felt so ignorant about them, that I dared not speak or think confidently of the strength of my determination, he suggested that some test should be found to prove my power of endurance before any time was spent upon direct medical studies.

I thought this very reasonable, if there really are such great unknown difficulties, and as Mr. & Mrs. Gurney seemed to agree with

Mr. Harves on this point, I suggested that I should spend 6 months as hospital nurse at once, as a test. This suited Mr. Harves very well, but he said I must go into a surgical ward, as the physician's wards were not sufficient test. He has been a good deal

connected with Middlesex Hospital, and he promised to go there at once and see the matron, Mr. Jarrow, and the head physician (I don't quite know that he is a physician, but Mr. H. spoke of him as the person to be consulted) Mr. De ~~Brough~~ Morgan. Mrs. Gurney thought there would be some difficulty in getting in, for so short a time as six months, but Mr. Harves thought he could do it, & you will see from his letter that he could.

Both Mr. Gurney & Mr. Harves seemed to think it would be very desirable that one more lady pupil should be found. They suggested advertising, as they think that there must be some able & willing to go into the profession if they knew how to start.

It is extremely strange that with all the agitation the subject has made, no one else should have been stirred up to make the attempt. I shall, of course, go to the hospital tomorrow, as Mr. Hawes suggests. Will you send his letter back by return, please, as I shall want to show it to my parents. I should like to come up directly after the 26th, and to reserve the three months more study (if I could not get any time while I was at the hospital,) till I had gone through the test & assured myself & my friends of the stability of my nerves. And if I am to fail, the sooner the question is settled, the better for me in every way. I mean to try to sleep & board in the hospital. I think it would be