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Aldersburgh

Sunday afternoon

My dear Emily

I have just concluded a satisfactory talk with Father on the medical subject. he was not at all disposed to oppose me actively & I shall be able to do as I think best in all essentials. I fancy he does not like it, I think, or at least, he would prefer my settling down into a douce young lady with no awkward energies, but when this is admitted to be impossible he will soon be reconciled to the other line, if I succeed. This is all

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all important point. Of course,  
✓ it will leave one up to almost  
any exertion to remember how  
far the cause is identified in the  
minds of one's own family with  
personal success. it ought not  
to be quite as much so as it is,  
considering the variety that there  
is among women. ✓ that tho'  
I may fail, it may be possible  
✓ most desirable for many other  
still, at present, I shall not  
insist on this, but accept the  
responsibility & try to maintain it  
as well as can be done. I think  
my father sees the importance

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of complete quietness on the subject.  
I told him that nothing would  
more certainly check me to my  
determination than the sneers &  
foolish ridicule that would be  
sure to come from relations  
when they knew it. ✓ so, if he  
wished me to have a chance of  
retreating, in case I should find  
practically that there was any  
real objection to it, or that the  
difficulties were too great, it  
was imperative that he should  
tell no one. If it becomes a  
matter of gossip, I shall never  
retreat, however great the wind

might be. This error took  
effect well, & I feel pretty sure  
that he will be personally  
anxious to keep it quiet. I  
did not propose the separate  
study, nor anything but the  
yours from Mr. Tate & the right  
to study three hours a day. This,  
with the 2 hours I can get in the  
morning, will be a fair allowance.

Thanks for your letter. I am  
working at Latin a good deal  
now. I find it easy after the  
Physiology. The bells for the evening  
service are just beginning so that  
I must finish. Mr. Lewis' book shall  
be sent by post. Will you take

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Give the substance of this letter, as I shall not be writing much or soon probably, with the chance of seeing you both so soon it seems a pity to spend much time in letters.

I am very glad you do not tire of this subject. I like writing to you about it very much. When do you think you will come? Any time this week or next will suit us. Some & Co. will come on Wednesday. I will send you a list of the trains and their respective merits when you

are ready to come.

Yours affectionately

E. Garret