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7 St Agnes Villa

Wednesday

My dear Emily

I am promised to write to you yesterday & tell you of my plans, so I will not repeat her news more than I can help. You will be pleased to see my father's note, I think, as it is quite as cordial a sanction as we could hope ~~him~~ he would give.

I am now going to write to Dr. Farr, to tell him that by the advice of several friends, I am about to test my fitness for medical studies by spending six months in Middlesex Hospital, ~~as usual~~ I think. There is a good chance that some doctor connected with the hospital will take me as pupil, if I can go through the nursing work ~~a~~ stably, but I shall not throw Dr. Farr's help over if he seems to be willing to give any. I was not much pleased with him, but we are bound to believe he is capable of giving good assistance, as Mr. Cooper applied to him.

Mr. Hawes is not a doctor, though I fancy he began the course of study in his youth, as he seemed to be very familiar with the horrors of surgery &c. The Mr. de Morgan connected with the hospital is a doctor, & I fancy he is not the same whom you mention. I called upon Mr. Gurney this morning

to tell her what arrangements I had made for
the future, and to say good-bye. She was exceedingly
kind, almost dangerously so, for I grew afraid
that a touch more of tenderness would make me
cry. My father will call upon Mr. Gurney & Mr. Han-
ley. We shall go home early to-morrow.

I shall write from Aldeburgh very soon, for I feel
that there is probably a good deal to tell you that
you may have forgotten, or did not know.

I am glad that I shall see you again in a fort-
night. I have been paying a round of
visits ~~to~~ calls this morning, for the express purpose
of telling my intentions to those who must hear of
them very soon. I think we prospered very well.
Everyone was very much startled at first, but they all
came round to a very cordial agreement as to the
desirability of women having something to do, and
as to the propriety of medicine being a very good
~~work for them~~ studied by women. I am heartily
ashamed of that very indecent sentence.

Yours affectionately

E. Garrate