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Bayswater

Wednesday

My dear Emily

Mr. Gurney called here soon after my return this morning. Fannie was just going to dinner so Mr. Gurney asked me to drive home with her that we might have a little talk about Sir J. Clarke. It appears that he is by no means to be depended upon, for though he



respects Miss Blackwell, he hesitates  
very much about the movement  
in general. Mr. Gurney thinks  
that he wd not commit himself  
in writing, and that it would  
not do to allow my father to  
consult him. Mr. Gurney kindly  
offered to take me to see Sir J. Clarke  
if I liked, to ask his advice, and  
after some discussion we agreed  
that if we saw him, we should

at least know how far he wd be  
of use, and if we found him  
at all inclined to help, we could  
ask him to say in writing, that  
in his opinion the difficulties  
a woman would meet in the  
course of a medical education,  
would not be insuperable to  
any one who had steadiness of  
purpose &c. I told Mr. Gurney  
that I thought even so much

encouragement would go far  
towards assuring my parents.

We parted with the understanding  
that Mr G. wd write to Sir J. Clarke  
to night, asking if we might  
~~see~~ him tomorrow morning.

You will see, however, from the  
enclosed letter that Mr G. now  
thinks this plan would not do.

I have written to say I shall  
have much pleasure in going  
there to breakfast, & will add  
more to this after I have been.  
(Thursday) Mr & Mrs Gurney were

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Extremely kind & helpful this morning.

And we have found some one who

can be relied upon to give Father

a strongly favorable opinion of the

movement. You remember a

Mr. Hawes whom Miss Blackwell

mentioned in one of the letters which

Mr. Gurney read to us. This morning

Mr. Gurney spoke of "William Hawes"

and for the first time the name

struck me as familiar and on

enquiry I found that this Mr. Hawes

is the same that my father knows

very well. They did a great deal

of business together, a few years ago.

and I am pretty sure that his  
opinion will have weight. Mr. Gurney  
kindly proposed asking him to meet  
me at their house, before we sent  
my father to him, so he is to be  
asked to breakfast on Sat: and  
I shall be there also. Mr. Gurney  
also offered to see my father and  
tell him his opinion, which I thought  
extremely kind. We were a long  
time over breakfast, & when I came  
back some asked me to take  
Mr. Murray to the Academy, so  
that I have not been to Gloucester to  
day. We are now going to make  
the family calls. Love to Jane -  
Yours affectionately E Garret