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Uppord. Tuesday

My dear Emily

Mr. Dowler's sermon last Sunday morning was so vile that I was moved to write some comments on it, by way of exercise in English. If you would look them over & correct them, at your leisure, I should be much obliged. Mr. Dowler said a great deal more as bad as that I have remembered, but I was careful not to overstate in any way what he did say. I was extremely annoyed that so many people should be told such untruths, and still more so when we came home to hear my mother defending the whole sermon vehemently. It is distressing



to remember, how many hours are spent in writing sermons which, if believed in, can only do more harm than good. I cannot study here, but there are some french books which I shall read if possible.

If you can spare the time to send me a line by return, I should like to know if you would advise my not speaking to my father about my plans till you have heard of a Dr. he will come here for me on Thursday, and I should probably have a good opportunity for discussing it, if you think it would not be unwise to do so now. I think they may feel hurt, and in consequence rather angry, if when I do speak, they find my arrangements

have been advanced, as far I could without consulting them. On the other hand the difficulty will be lessened by my being able to say that I know a doctor who will take me as his pupil. Sarah says that she asked Mr. Freeman about the medical course, and that he told her the first thing was an apprenticeship of three years to a doctor.

I wish you were having more sun, the daily rains must make it difficult to get about. How long do you think you will be in London?

Yours affectionately

E Garrett

Mr. Cottingham, Uppod, Woodbridge, is my address.

I am afraid you will find my style very  
dogmatic and rough. Will you make as many  
corrections as possible in it, please. Of course it  
does not matter how long you keep ~~it~~ <sup>the paper</sup>, only I  
should like to know if you would rather  
not have any more till you are at Gateshead  
again. I cannot have any more lessons from  
Mr. Tate till August.