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My dear Emily

I have just escaped from the family and a cricket match on the Grammar School lawn to write to you. We have had very little leisure since the parents came home three weeks ago, as the house has been filled with visitors. We had thirteen besides our own family during last week, so you may imagine we were tolerably closely packed. I generally escape to an attic every morning after hearing the orders of the day, and read, write or do some Chemistry in peace, an hour or two, but of course it does not seem right not to help to amuse people a little, so that it is difficult to do much work. The fine weather is so delicious, I feel unusually set up by it & this rest, & am ready for work now. I think of going to London on the 30th. My Father is very restless about my plans, he cannot take in the fact that Greek & Mathematics with the services would be

as sine qua non. This will be included in
the other. It is not probable that the Professor
would require me admittance to their class
if they had promised to examine me.
How are you getting on with Greek? I am
dreadfully slow at it, being content with a
short grind at the verbs before getting into
bed. I find the abstract of Nits very pleasant,
and it is clear to me, that tho' you may
not want Logic, it would do me good. I feel
it to be some help already in Chemistry &
in thinking. I wonder if Nits keeps the
book itself, if not I shall borrow it some
how as soon as I get back. We have Nits
Representative Government, & the Souilla
book besides several others which I want
to read before the 30th. We had a pleasant
day yesterday at Sizewell, in honour of some
wedding day. (She & James & the children
& Munes came on the 1st & are all well.)
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cress were with us & I
enjoyed their company exceedingly. He is
brother to our Mr. Cress & seems to be a
student of general Science; she is a very
delightful woman, & made me feel as
ignorant as when with the Deverys. She

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was 40 & he 20 when they married,
she was a governess and with no external
beauty & he is the eldest son of a rather well
known family in Kent. They seem very happy,
and it is nice to see that a young man
can sometimes recognize the soul's beauty
when there is every thing externally to obscure
it. We had a long walk & talk together,
she reminded me continually of Ellen Deery
in her clear accuracy of expression & in
her thoughts. She thinks very highly of
logic as a means of culture, & it is a
great recommendation to find some who
speak & think clearly in favour of it
as decidedly as she & the Deerys are.
Have you come yet to the following sentence
in Mill? "If the science of logic exists
or is capable of existing, it must be useful.
If there be rules to which every mind con-
-forms in every instance in which it
judges rightly there seems little necessity for
discussing whether a person is more likely
to observe those rules, when he knows the
rules or when he is unacquainted with
them." I do not think there is much in
the fact that some people read logic and

remain bad reasoners. The logical faculty is very rare I think, & when any one has not got it, it requires patient care & endeavour to get your mind into the habitual practice of thinking consequentially, and I dare say very few people could overcome their natural inaptitude for this so completely as to use the art unconsciously at all times. Though it would at least be something to have them striving to do so, & more capable than they once were of appreciating a logical fitness in the talk or writings of other people.

Will you give my love to Miss Smith when you are writing to her, please, & to Miss P. & the also. I hope you have not been waiting for leave to send R B to Mrs Ballantyne. I shall not want it for ever so long now. Will send the abstract as soon as I have finished it. We are going to have a tea fight & I must be off & dress. Please to write soon. Love to Jane & Annie. How will you like your Bishop? Yours affectionately
E. Farwell