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Sunday night

My dear Emily

I have just read the notes on the Lord's Prayer, with much interest, & I think if they were printed with the Catechism notes many people would find the book very useful. Some is very strongly in favour of publishing. She told me that it was only the labour & time that copying them would require that had kept her from doing so. I find that Miss Blunt's book is much liked by the patients and yours would be of a similar character. Good simple books are wanted dreadfully, and the colloquial style of papers prepared for classes would be much more pleasant to many people than anything stiffer.

I think of asking Sarah Smith to read

them. I fancy she is a good deal like
your friend Miss Barton, & I should like
to see how far she likes them. We are
getting on very well together, by dint of
diverging to the points of agreement, it is
pleasant to realize how many & vital these
are. Though at the same time the intercourse
is somewhat strained when one knows
that there is an unmentioned field of
difference, from which each is shrinking.
* I went to Acton yesterday, & came home
about an hour ago. Sarah is at church.
We live very independently, meeting at tea for
the first time very often, & then she goes
out very often visiting poor people or to meetings,
& I study till 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ when there are prayers &
we go to our own rooms. I have enjoyed
the day in the country excessively. The corn fields

are so beautiful. I have read a good deal of
Ruskin's 5th volume to-day & yesterday.
It is very interesting & instructive. James
dislikes his disdainful tone to his readers,
and I am sorry that he should adopt it. This
one can believe from oneself that they deserve
it. I always feel more ashamed of myself
over his books than over any others. There
is a chapter upon Vulgarity in this volume
which you will, I think, like very cordially.
I shall get the book from Mudie's soon,
for I am sure it will be right to resist
the tendency to spend all one's time upon
professional reading. I have actually read
nothing else lately & it cannot be good.*
I will send you a full prospectus of the
M. H. Medical College, as I think you will
like to look over it. I wrote formally to
the Dean for it & it was sent at once.

I will also send a note received from Mr. Harves. As he knows several members of the governing Board, I thought it would be well to remind him of my existence & sustain his interest, by writing to tell him how I was getting on. It is rather provoking that people will think so much of the difficulties, in spite of my assurances that so far from their being appalling I am enjoying the work more than I have ever done any other study or pursuit. Sometimes I fear I must be dreadfully obtuse, not to feel what every one seems to think must be so trying, but if this is the cause, I can only accept it as a fact & make the best of it. I am very sorry not to be more sensitive in some other thing, but it is difficult to see how to increase a power of this kind, which is almost essentially a blight.

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