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Friday night

My dear Emily (attached.)

Here I am again,
you see; and I suppose you are
falling into the usual routine after
your interregnum? You would
see that my letter was too late for
this month after all, I wish you
could have it now for revision, but
as this would involve making
one or two fresh copies, it is scarcely
worth the time. Since I came back
some progress has been made, & I



feel quite sure that the chance
of being admitted fully increases
constantly, & also that it is rather
understated in the letter than other-
wise. On Wednesday I determined
to ask Dr. Thompson to admit
me to his lectures (on Materia Medica)
It being the opening day of the session
he had an unusual train of pupils,
and for some time I thought it ^{must}
be put off till another day. However
this seemed cowardly, & moreover

as the course had begun any delay
was injurious, so I screwed up my
courage and asked him as he was
leaving the ward. I think the stu-
dents did me good service, for
of course a flat refusal would
have sounded very ungracious
before so many men, and their
presence made it impossible to
tell me any of ^{the} commonplaces
about the unpleasantness of studying
with them. Dr. Thompson looked
comounded with my boldness, &
before he answered I told him
that the Chemical Professors had.

admitted me to their classes; this
settled his doubts & he said very
cordially that he had no personal
objections & should be glad to see
me. I felt tremendously triumphant
tho' it was not so much after all.

The next day I avoided him carefully
fearing he might have repented, &
to-day I have been to his lecture & the
Practical Chemistry. I have had
business interviews with Mr. De Morgan
(who promised to vote against me last
autumn) & Mr. Nunn, & they were
both encouraging. Mr. De Morgan
took the lecture fees & put me down on
the books as a student. He is much

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more friendly than he was, and I hope he would not oppose me now. I told him I wanted to be admitted fully in October, but had no intention of asking this formally till he and a decided majority of the committee showed themselves really willing to ~~do so~~ receive me. I thought of W.^m Furness & feminine arts, with a longing to work him round some how. He asked if I were going in for prizes, forgetting (or pretending to do so) that these can only be got by those who attend all the lectures of the session,



but when I reminded him of this, he said "But at least you may get a certificate of honor, for each separate course of lectures." This is a good notion, as it would encourage him and the rest not to refuse to admit me. Even for these lectures, I have had to sign my name in the college books, in token that I will not smoke in the garden or wards, but will in every way comport myself as a gentleman. Mr. Munn laughed

very much over the rules as we went through them today, they were so clearly framed for men only. I do wish now we could find a companion, this is the time to show that it is not an individual attempt. I have never felt, till lately, that two would have more chance than one. While I was in the Board-room today with Mr. Munn, Dr. Stewart came in, & presently came to me, & said that if I still wished to go round with him, he should have much pleasure in my doing so. He is a horribly un-

- punctual man, seldom coming
till an hour and half after his time,
but of course I accepted his offer, &
~~It~~ went with him to-day. He can
be heard, and is a good doctor,
but I don't take to him personally.

I have not seen Jane since we came
back, she is always out when I
call at L. P. on my way home. I
am alone here now, James having
gone to Aldbro' to-day. I enjoyed the
holiday & the country very much.
I enclose 2 letters from Miss
Dewey, as I think they would interest
you. Will you answer the questions in
the shortest one, please? Yours affectionately
& faithfully