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Dolgelly,
S. Wales.

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March 16.

Dear Mr. Fawcett,

You will have been
mystified by receiving both the
letters from Mr. Lodge with
Miss Johnston which you
had sent me! On receiving them
I had written from you immediately
by forwarding them & your letter
to the person who had told
me of the alleged misdirections;
Lately today, after writing a second
time, I have received an intimation,
apparently from a servant,
that my informant is ill &

Forbidden to read anything & thus
the inclosures (for which I send
carefully send a stamped en-
velope for immediate return)
had been - because knows why!
- sent to you!

If we were I accept ^{Miss Johnston's} the dis-
-claimer in full; maybe I
should have been much more
satisfied on the whole issue
(which was far beyond the
- always doubted - ^{actual} - missections
of students). Had you done
Mr. Fawcett as I asked
I would,

obtained information confidentially
through your daughter & her
very friend. It is a scandal
that a reply to such a question
as mine obtained via the
authorities could only be in
the form of a disclaimer -
I observe however, that
Miss Johnston's letter only denies
the fact of missections ^{taking}
place by students in their
rooms. She does not utter a
word of the alleged quasi-
unanimity of all the students
of both colleges in approving
of the practice; as said

to have been exhibited at their
Debating Club - I fear I must
conclude that this part of
the story is true; & it is to be
wished the worst.

Miss Tomstone mentions
(unnecessarily, as I accept
her assurance) as a reason
for disbelieving that students
have ever witnessed vivisection,
that elaborate machinery is
required for the finer physio-
logical experiments. We
know this as well, as we will
see by enclosed records & pamphlets. But

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We also know that some of
the simpler experiments
- e.g. the section of the
cervical sympathetic nerve
of rabbits, causing their ears
to blanch, is, as Laudois says,
"easily done"; & I remember
that our teacher never up to
schoolmaster letting me be
hand-cuffed his boys with
blood and having performed
it, but here you had with

their pocket knives in their
pockets as a future hobby,
after reading some books setting
forth the "interests" of
I believe another "experiment",
- this time with a cane -
was performed by the master
in view of this budding
scientific spirit - !

I shall certainly continue
did as Mrs. Johnston

maintaining my number while
they in future reach me res-
pects would be interested by
with students at Cambridge;
or if desired, I will advance
also in the Quarterly. I
this one however. I should
feel it incumbent on me
to try and where women believe
they attend universities they
would wonder if they are
credited with as much of
calamities & cruelty -
ever asked to
Francis Power (50)

My kind letters
My father's letter
M. L. name not destroyed
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