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89 Gloucester Place  
P. 19<sup>th</sup> -

My dear Dr Davies

I have just returned from  
asking Mr Etheridge the respected  
Malacologist to the School of Mines  
whether he knows of a suitable abode  
for young Mr Dawson —  
He recommends in the highest terms  
Mrs Guest the widow of a medical  
man — without children —  
Mrs Guest lives next door to Mr Eth-  
ridge — and takes only two young  
students at 30/ a week — each. —  
She is a very estimable person, he  
says, and is quite a mother to her  
boarders

feeding them well & with excellent  
accommodations (smallish) — sees to  
their proper application to their studies  
and general habits —

Mr Etheridge says he will have great  
pleasure in seeing Mr Dawson in  
an evening — giving him information  
— and in lending him — from his library

Now I think all these things very  
advantageous — unusually so —

Etheridge & Dr Dawson know each  
other — and I have reason to think  
that Etheridge does not belong to the  
loose thinkers of science — which is  
a thing of supreme importance —

Neither of us have any other object but  
the good of the young man — &  
therefore

Therefore the house <sup>some where</sup> about Bedford Square  
does not offer these advantages I think  
you had better authorize Mr Etheridge  
to engage with Mr Guest - I consider  
Brompton desirable for a young man  
because there are no theatres there -  
but a Museum -

I shall immediately and at once comply  
with your decision <sup>whenever it may be -</sup> - as I feel sure that  
it will be for the best -

Etheridge is a very sensible kindly man  
and the father of a well doing son

Mrs Guest's address is 20 Halsey Str.  
Chelsea -

I am my dear Doctor  
faithfully yours

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