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~~Harriet~~ Boyle

Monday.

20, TALBOT HOUSE,

ST. MARTIN'S LANE,

W.C. 2.

Dear Miss Mercer
C. Boyle

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I should be only too delighted
to open your debate on Feb: 5, but
am not at all sure that you do
support the bill!!! This is upon
the moral or religious side that you
hesitate, but that you are not
willing to hand over to Court
judges any more power over
women's homes, property, &
rights in their children. The
Divorce Law Reform people
refuse to give me any satisfactory
answer in regard to the end money
important issues of rights of access
to children, division of the home
property, questions of settlements,

trustee-ships, guardianships, etc
so freely vested in husbands;
not of who is to be responsible
for divorced women's & their
welfare - All these are far too
serious matters to be left in the
hands of casual judges of local
courts who may be personal
friends or partners in business
of one or other of the divorcing
parties. I have seen in
endless requests to have these
points considered, & have
got no answers. Would
you like me to oppose ⁱⁿ your
debate, on these grounds? I
cannot honestly support until I
am satisfied they will be dealt with
fairly. I will keep the date for you
in any case, most gladly.