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Bedford College

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My dearest Mother

I send herewith my bill for May, & am sorry it is late coming. I have got £2 left, but as I shall not want to have any more sent this term, & may have to get a new hat, &c, here, as well as pay my journey home, I think I had better be on the safe side, & ask you to send me £4<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub> & put £1 in the Savings bank. You have my book, I think, it came by post early this term.

If equally convenient will you send a Postal Order, instead of P.O.O. as the latter can only be cashed between

10 and 4 (just when we may not go out) & the former at any time.

To-day I am going to Woodside for Sunday: I don't know whether I told you Aunt R. had asked me.

As to the debate, it has been an awful bother. By "earning one's own living" I meant ~~do~~ to include performing housekeeping duties energetically, so as to deserve money payment, even if it were preferred to be paid in board & lodging to put it in a very matter-of-fact way. But the girl who was to oppose would not accept that so there has been a lot of trouble about it, & now the motion stands thus "That every

woman whose time is not adequately filled by household duties should seek remunerative employment of some sort."

The debate comes off next Thursday I am to open, & Miss Harris, the masculine young lady, who is ~~a~~ one splendid speaker of the best speakers is to oppose. I should be very much afraid <sup>if her</sup> but I believe she is only taking that side to make a debate, & it is difficult to speak well on a side which you don't in your heart believe in.

The "Englishwoman's Reviews" had not very much help in them, but some of the girls are very much interested in the paper.

I regret to say that I did not notice your request to keep the

"Daily News" till after I had cut out the letter & article, but I will try to get another.

I have not been to the Rational Dress Exh<sup>n</sup> yet. I asked Miss Ashdown if I might go at four o'clock yesterday with two girls about my own age. She nearly had a fit at the idea of our going to an Exhibition in Piccadilly unchaperoned. But she has since told me that she is making inquiries about it, & if she finds it suitable, & if several of us wish to go, she will find some one to go with us.

I looked at the shop you spoke of, Bland's, 10 Bruton St., Berkeley Square. It looks a nice shop, nothing very special; some children's hats in the window were ugly rather than otherwise.