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My darling Mother & Father

It is Saturday night
but I am going to write
now instead of waiting for
to-morrow for a reason I will
tell you further on.

I had some thoughts, - I
don't know if I told you, - of
trying for Mathematical Honours
in Intermediate, but I find that
it involves such a lot of work
that I have about given it up,
as I suppose the Mathematics

though I like them so much
will not be of the same practical
use as some other things. So
I am taking Physiology instead.

My other subjects now are

Chemistry, - Lecture & practice

Physics - 2 lectures & practice

Biology - Lecture & practice

Mathematics, - 2 lectures

Singing (I think, not certain yet).

I hope to get a good deal of
Practical work, both in Chemistry
& Biology, this term. Our chemistry
master has taken a fit of neatness
which I am afraid is "too bright
too fair to last": but for the present

everything is to be quite
spick & span. So it will be
much nicer to work there.

I have been appointed treasurer
&c &c. of the Book Club, which
buys the magazines & books
for reading aloud. I think I
have begun very economically
& well.

Berta Robertson's Mother &
Sister are coming to London
to-day, & she & her cousin are
going to-morrow to spend
the day with them at the
Grand Hotel, & she has asked me
to go too. I do wish I could
consult you about it, for my only

reason for hesitating is that I feel somehow as if you might not like me to go driving about in cabs to the Grand Hotel on Sunday. But I am afraid Berta will be a little vexed if I don't go now, because I did not think of it like that at first & almost accepted. That is why I wrote to-night, I wanted to see how it would feel to tell you about it, but I don't not much forwarder now

Well, I will finish this to-morrow, & tell you what I fix.

Sunday Very soon after writing the above I told Berta I could not go with her, - that I did not quite like such an exciting Sunday

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for myself, & I did not think you would like it, so I thought it better not to go. Of course she was very nice about it, & said that tho' she was sorry I could not go, she would not have me change now. That is one thing that I like very much in her. When she knows I have scruples about anything, she may try to argue me out of them, but would do her very best to keep me from hastily violating them even if I were so inclined.

She has gone off now, & I am having a quiet Sunday here

I went to church with the other girls this morning, & had a much nicer sermon than is usual in that church.

It is a lovely mild day, & I am going for a walk in the Park presently.

I have ~~found~~ talked a good deal to all the new girls now & found out about them.

The mysterious Welsh name is I find Dyddge Hamilton, pronounced Diltrey, but its owner would not tell me the meaning as she says it is silly. She is going in for the medical profession sometime, - she is going to Matriculate in two years. She takes some interest in pictures, so I am

going to the National Gallery with her some day.

Ellie Heatley, Berta's cousin is a nice bright girl, and rather clever, I think.

Another new girl, Nora Suttill comes from Bridport, & I had hardly talked to her for a minute before she had begun a vigorous tirade against Mr. Warton who she considers a perfect disgrace & who will never get in again as the Conservatives themselves are going to oppose. But I don't know yet what she can talk about except politics.

The other new girls don't seem to have much in them. They are all getting to a crisis in home-sickness.

to day, poor things.

I have done nothing about a sitting room yet, except talk to some of the girls & inspect the council room in the dark with Berta. We're quite determined to do something but I thought we might wait till to day to refresh their memories as to the uncomfortableness of Sunday.

Thanks for Mother's letter about Gymnasium. I will do as she says.

Now, ~~very~~ with very much love to yourselves & Oliver & Gertie
I remain

Your loving daughter
Helen.