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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I had lab yesterday afternoon and in accordance with my usual custom spent the rest of the afternoon resting from the exertion.

I was first affirmative with the regulars last night. It was a pretty good debate. Lucy was there as committee. It is the first time that she has heard me. I tried my best to make her stay away, but she would not.

I am quite tired today as a result of walking up about a thousand times during the night. I was planning to get up a six thirty to finish writing my chem paper and I kept waking up, thinking I had overslept.

With an Ec midsemester Monday and a chem midsemester Tuesday, i guess it is just as well for me that I am not going to Wellesley. I shall have to study a lot for the chem one, and plenty for the Ec one. I have not done exactly what one would call keeping up with one's work this semester, but what I have done instead has been worth it.

I am out for debate again tonight, which means a very full day today.

Mrs. Kaufmann is going to spend the last three days before vacation here.

The most interesting news I have is the definite denial of the rumor which apparently had some foundation that Smith has a colored girl on its team and is sending her here. Everybody was very much excited about it. I heard some of the craziest things said. One thing was absolutely sure, because I heard it said myself. Minerva Turnbull, who is the third affirmative speaker and the backbone of the debate, said that she absolutely refused to debate if it was so. So Peggy Bliss had to write and find out, but the information was that the girl was on the materials committee and not a speaker. It was news to me that Smith took colored students. I think refusing to debate a girl because she happens to be colored is just about the narrowest thing I ever heard of. It is a good thing for Minerva Turnbull that she is not on the negative, advocating equality and democracy and more fine-sounding stuff when she can't apply it any more than that!

With them few words, I'll draw my speech to a close in order to be able to keep a shampoo appointment.

I hope you are getting better as quickly as possible, Mother. Father, your letters still continue indefinite and answering nothing. I would still like to know how long Mother is going to be in the hospital.

Love, Fannie