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PREFACE.

THE COUNCIL OF BEDFORD COLLEGE cannot allow the CALENDAR of their College to appear without a few words of introduction and explanation.

It had long been the desire, not only of the Council, but of many students and friends of the College, that a Calendar carrying back the history of the College to its foundation should be published. The chief difficulty which has hitherto prevented the carrying out of this desire arose from the fact that the records of the early years of the College had been imperfectly kept, and consequently an editor unacquainted with the College would hardly be able to give an accurate and connected account of the gradual development which had occurred.

This difficulty has, however, fortunately been entirely removed, for a lady, who was a student, and now is an Associate and Member of the College, Miss Henrietta Busk, undertook, entirely as a voluntary work, the compilation of this Calendar. Miss Busk has herself been intimately connected with the College and taken much interest in its progress, and is a member of a family who not only aided the foundation of the College, but have ever since taken an active part in its development.

The Council believe that the information in the Calendar will prove to be of great interest both to past and present students and to other friends of the College.

The collection and arrangement of this information has been a laborious task, requiring great care and perseverance; it is, therefore, with much pleasure that the Council take this opportunity of tendering to Miss Busk their very sincere thanks, and of assuring her of their high appreciation of her work.

W. J. RUSSELL,
Chairman of Council.

May, 1888.

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Short History of the College.

BEDFORD COLLEGE was founded in the autumn of 1849, a very few months after a women's college had been opened in Harley Street, since called Queen's College.

Mrs. Reid, whom we all now know as the foundress of Bedford College, though at the time she shrank from any open recognition of the fact, had taken warm interest in the beginning of Queen's College, and helped it both with advice and money.

Her desire was that such colleges should be opened in many different parts of London, so that every girl living in London could have easy access to one of them.

Her scheme was to embody a thoroughly liberal education, including all the higher branches of study in various departments, so that such intellectual privileges should be open to every woman seeking for truth and knowledge.

It was with this intention that the College was founded on the broadest and freest principles possible. It offered education without religious test, but with the highest aims for moral and spiritual life. For one of the chief objects of the College from its foundation has been to raise the standard of character in its students at the same time that it gave the best possible culture to their minds.

Mrs. Reid and her friends were encouraged in their endeavour by the fact that a perfectly free college had not