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My dear Mithery -

I was too lazy to write yesterday and so can only say a word this A.M. concerning something which can't wait until Wednesday. A week or so ago Lill wrote up asking me to set a Friday to go down to Brooklyn to see her. I wrote that I should be happy to go but couldn't set a time before Dec., upon which she wrote back that she wanted me to make time to come down on the 31st Oct or 1st Nov. As I have had my work a good deal lightened since I first wrote to her, I have now the time to go & wait your advice on the subject. If I don't go down before Xmas she will feel sure that it is because I don't want to see her, & if I go soon I shall have my pretty short suit to wear instead of a long heavy winter dress with straw hat. I think that you now have all the data.

I wish that the next time you see Fannie Upson you would tell her that I want very much to invite her up here this my last year, when she can come. Our public occasions are Phil.--about the 1st. of Dec., Founder's--in April-- & Commencement week; & there are besides ever many pleasant days in the regular course of the year. Helen thinks her school will let her come in the spring best.

Our senior parlor was opened last week & we have had a most extensive house warming. On Wednesday eve it was opened to the class & one of the girls provided refreshments of ice-cream & cake. A great many impromptu songs were sung, & one to the air of "Here's to Good Old Yale", was so distinctly heard by some girls in a prayer-meeting that they had to keep singing hymns in order not to hear the refrain.

On Thursday the parlor was locked until between dinner & Chapel when we invited "'82" to be our first guests in our new reception room, & all the rest of that evening we were taking different teachers or students there though we only allowed the sophs to have the coffee & fruit. We have an elegant dado & frieze on the wall & most elegant, rare furniture, loaned by different girls in the class.

The committee can compliment themselves on having, with a comparatively small amount of money, presented the class with what all the authorities consider the most beautiful parlor they have seen. Prof. Van Ingen even has nothing to find fault with & says "The forms are excellent," meaning that very thing corresponds well. You all have to come up to see this parlor this year or you'll never be forgiven. I must tell you about the rest of our week of entertainment. On Friday evening after a very entertaining Chapter meeting six of us were invited to Mrs. Rays where we met a cousin

of hers & stayed until 11.30! On Saturday we let important affairs alone & rested fancy work in hand nearly all day long. In the evening we gathered in our parlor and sang "Sounding Rafters" until Julia came flying down with the news that the 4th corridor had come in on the chorus & she had to come down & join in too. Mary Ives has been here since Saturday. Much obliged for the money. It came just in time to prevent me from committing suicide. Love to all. M.S.M.

[Mary S. Morris,]