

AL/1883

21. III. 84.

Dearest Mother

Thanks for your letter & the flowers, which are lovely.

As to the fireplace, - I feel as if a grate that had been proposed for the Drawing<sup>room</sup> must be too handsome for me, - but otherwise I should have no objection to what you propose, & I expect I shall like it quite as well, if not better in the long run, than anything I might choose for myself.

Yes, I should like to occupy my own room at Easter.

I am on the look out, as to windows: ~~But~~

I wrote last week to ask for particulars of the Hall of Residence & got the enclosed, which seems, I think, very nice. <sup>please return them</sup> Shall I go & look at the rooms this term, & if so, what price had I better think about? <sup>That is the only place of the kind that exists, I believe.</sup>

You know Father suggested at Christmas that these holidays we should have the girls' Club up <sup>write to</sup> some afternoon: I should like to <sup>write to</sup> Janey Chalmers about it soon. I think it should be a Saturday, & that we should have them from about three till seven. <sup>You</sup> ~~We~~ would give them a "feed" of some sort, & the entertainment would consist chiefly of games, & private talks with them, but we might also, if the Committee think it advisable, have <sup>some</sup> sort of an address

or meeting when it gets dark. Does this commend itself to you? And may I give the Committee a choice of the Saturdays during my holidays? I think I ought to write not later than the beginning of next week.

Are you going to have any Board or Pupil teachers during the holiday. I can hardly make preliminary arrangements for that, but I will do my best to help at the time.

Other suggestions that I have picked up in various ways are, - a somewhat similar entertainment for Shop girls, - an afternoon in the garden, then tea, & a temperance or other meeting afterwards, which might be done on one or more of the early-closing afternoons; you could get hold of the

girls in the same way as for the entertainments you have had in the Friend's Schools.

Another suggestion is having Board school children on a Saturday afternoon, - but I don't suppose that is so much wanted with us as in London.

I wish I could help more with these things, - I mean the arranging of them, for it would just burden you. But you & Father want me to make suggestions.

I should like a High School party too, some evening during the first week, but that being smaller would require less arrangement, & I will write about it again.

We had a very good debate last night about which I will tell you on Sunday, and also answer, as well as I can, Alick's question about Electrical Colleges.

Your very loving daughter  
Helen M. Wilson