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My dear Laura -

Your blessed letter came this morning and pulled me out of a depressing state of "dumps". How good of you to be so eager to live with us.

O, I do hope you will like us. Have I told you all the drawbacks, I wonder?

It is dear and thoughtful of you to offer to pay for October.

Mrs Miller is most grateful. It will be a tremendous help to her.

I'm afraid our furniture may

seem very meager and primitive to
you. "We-all" (as Edith says) have been
so long accustomed to living
minus frills and furbelows of
any kind, that we no longer notice
lacks in the little, intimate
furnishings of a room. We will
of course have a bed, one or two
chairs, a table, a wardrobe, ^{screen & rug} etc.
in your room, and I'm going to
try to fix it up to look as
homelike as possible; but if you
have any possessions such as books,
~~two~~ bureau-scarfs, ^{mirrors} pictures, table-
cloths that you particularly
enjoy having around, do bring
them. There is a big fire-place
in your room which will give a

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cozy touch on cold winter evenings.
It really is a lovely room, if
I do say it!

Do you think you will mind
eating in the kitchen? It's such
a sweet, clean, sunny one that
we rather like it. Besides, I'm
living in what's supposed to be
the dining-room, so there's not
much choice. I'll be glad to
give you your breakfasts in your
room. I'd love to wait on you -

Be sure and bring your fiddle!
You won't disturb us. I think
Edith would be glad to give you
some lessons. She's a wonderful

teacher.

About transportation facilities. Both the Subway and the Bxwy surface cars will take you down to the school. The surface cars will, I think, take you a block or so nearer, and are more pleasant to use if you aren't in a hurry.

Did I tell you we are only about two minutes from Central Park?

Not only nice to walk in, but it makes the air about here so much fresher than it is downtown. I lived in the neighborhood of 8th St for two years, and had my fill of "East-side air", dingy old houses, and no furnace heat!

We usually get our lunches out, and I suppose, from your house

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at the school, that you will do the same. We usually allow 50¢ for a lunch out. Here, Mrs. Miller does all the marketing, and we contribute about \$2.50 or \$3.00 ^{apiece} per week ₁ for that. There are always milk, butter, eggs, and canned vegetables, etc. in the house. If you want lunch here, you get it and replace what you used, or else leave a quarter in the market basket, so to speak.

Excuse me for being so "kitchen-minded", but I feel you ought to know all these little practical details.

Now I'll stop talking about such things. I hate 'em as much as you do.

I had a letter from Mr. Simon yesterday, telling me about you, and hoping we'll see something of each other this winter! Won't it be fun to be able to tell him that we are to be together? I'll write him just as soon as I stop talking to you. I feel as if I could go on forever.

Be sure and let me know when you start, and what time your train will be due. Also, whether you are coming by northern or southern route, so I'll know whether to meet you at Grand Central or Pennsylvania station.

I shall be there when the

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train pulls in unless something very extraordinary and unforeseen occurs. If it should, just take a taxi right up here, and the latch-string will be out.

When you get off the train look for a small person in brown, 5 foot nothing, with dutch-cut hair (!), and a big nose. And a grin.

It's no use my trying to tell you here how much it will mean to me to have a friend of Anne's here, one who saw the wonder of her as I did. I haven't been able to talk to anyone about her since August, and it will be a great

comfort to be able to speak of
her sometimes, and to feel that
you, too, are being watched over
by the same spirit that is so
close to me.

Goodbye, for a little while -
And good luck with your moving.
I know what it is!

Warmest greetings -
Brenda P.