

Dear Lady:

Yesterday I had a chance to ask the president about that room for an office telling him why I really needed an office. He said he could not afford to let me have it. Of course, I think he would be getting off cheap giving me this for all the work I do, but he would not see it that way. I told him a little about what the work is that I do and let him see that I did not like it. I told him I had never had anything of the sort to do anywhere else. I also told him that the system seemed to me very extravagant of time and energy as Miss Van Wie and I practically duplicate all the work. He said he thought the whole system probably ought to be changed now that the college had grown to its present size and asked me if I had ever spoken with the Dean about it. I said I had not and that I would rather keep on doing the work than seem to criticise her - that I did it as an accommodation to her and was willing to keep on doing it for that reason, even though to me it seems to me an extravagant method. I said that at the time I was a student at Oberlin the college there had about the same number of girls in the college department as we have here and we had an assistant dean and a dean of the college, to say nothing of the men's part - that the dean of women had none of the duties that Dr. Harris has for the college in general. He said he didn't see that this place needed an assistant dean. However, he did say and said it more than once - that he thought the Dean here would have to take more of this sort of work on herself and that would mean that she would have to drop more of her teaching. I hope I haven't started something that will make trouble for Dr. Harris. He said on the subject of offices that there were to be some offices rigged up in the basement. This would be practically no use to me as I could not sit there all day and I need my office if I have one adjoining my room on account of the fact

these matters have to be attended to at all kinds of times. He thought that was not necessary, but that is because he has not tried doing it and doesn't visualize the situation. I did not argue with him as I seem to imply. And I did not press the matter of that room. Well that is out of the question, <sup>Now,</sup> not being able to get the room for nothing - though I think it would be *right and fair* for me to have it so - I now want to see if I can get the chance to *rent it* - which is ~~also~~ also a question as the college is crowded and they do not ordinarily rent rooms in a dormitory for people who are not students. I did not say anything on this subject to Dr. Lent last night because I thought it might seem funny right after asking him to give it to me in the other way. I have a notion now to tell the Dean that I want to rent it so that I can have you in it and see if she will try to get it for me. She wants me to have you here - told me so so that I would feel more settled. I just have a notion that if you were here Dr. Lent might be moved to favor it - he is so moved by his feelings to do things for people in need - I mean if he gets interested in them. This is a main reason why I wish you could come after a while before those rooms are disposed of to students. I think the students' rooms are selected in May some time. Please think about this. I believe that it would be cheaper for us to rent that room and both of us board here next year than to take anything we could get outside the college and perhaps be nicer - certainly *easier*. Then you would not feel committed to Elmira for the whole time and could come and go. Of course, the room would have to be paid for all the time, but the board, which is more of an item - would not.

My two packages have arrived. I hope it was Nathalie who took them down. Thank you for the trouble. I wrote to Grace,

by the way, about hers.

I have six of my twelve chairmen now, have written a lot of campaign letters since I came back - about eight yesterday and ten the day before.

Elmira College is having a contest in the city daily about the value of the college to the city - part of the campaign propaganda - and of course, Dr. Geegg and I get the papers to judge - don't you ever think Dr. Smyth would have any of these nasty little jobs to do - she would beg off if ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> was asked. *There's nothing in the world I HATE so as to judge on contests and there are a lot of papers.* Isn't it the limit with all I have to do? The papers are on my table now. I had better get my nap over and get to work on them.

I think the girls <sup>Ellen & Evelyn</sup> would be interested in the matter of the room I asked for and so will you please send this letter on to one of them asking her to send it on to the other?

With loads of love to my darling Lady and to the girls.

Pally

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*Excuse my not going thro' this has typing to correct it. You can make it out, can't you? I've written in such haste.*



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