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Ivy Neck Oct. 19th 1859

I have only time to tell this morning that we are all well. Mrs Cornelia is happy that Harry will come home to day and stay for her very

My own dear Mother

It seems almost incredible that it was only yesterday that you left us and yet so it is. We are so far getting along very nicely altho I can hardly tell you how much I miss you about every thing but I suppose it was time that I should learn to think and act for myself. Can you imagine me now seated in my own room the baby asleep in the cradle and Harry in bed, Cornelia is of course with Ellen in your room.

This morning just as I was about to get up Sophy knocked at the door to say that Mr Mercer wanted to see Harry, you must not think from this that we had overslept ourselves so very much it was only

will be to use the dining room as a sort of day nursery and for Harry and myself to take our meals in the parlor and sit there of an evening and let Ellen and Mr Dashields have the dining room what do you think of this plan. This morning Harry found that one of the rabbits was trying to make a bed so he gave her some straw and in about half an hour afterwards found she had four young ones at any rate he could not see how many more. But the room is getting cold and the baby fidgetting so I must bid you good night my own dearest Mother

I suppose you are by this time at Miss Morris'

Believe me as ever your loving daughter

Mary H. Murray

Sophy calls me this morning for me to take a cup of coffee in the morning to keep me from getting sick as I did last year when I