

241 E. 17th St.,

Jan'y 4, 1892.

My dear Mildred:

of course I will  
serve on that committee,  
if I do not do a stroke  
of work for it.

I went to train  
come last night, but  
I am still weak from  
the grippe, and I could  
not pull myself out of  
the house. And I wear  
red the dress-coating.  
If you do not abuse

the kindness of your best  
friends, whose best  
friends' kindness can you  
abuse?

Yours sincerely

W. P. Howells.