My dear Oscar,

We might try the 17th, when I have a sitting with the artist Middleton Todd, who is painting my portrait for the college, from which I emerge at about lunch time, say half past one, but that may be too early for you to contact me. As regards dining in college, I should advise Saturday rather than Friday as being less liable to be crowded, and perhaps more agreeable.

Do please fix the 24th if that suits you better.

Sincerely yours,