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January Thursday,5 1871.

Cloudy. Left home for Vassar at 7AM. Crossed the river in sleigh ice boat and walked there was only uncle George, Charlie, Mr. F... and myself. Got at Vassar at quatre (sic) of ten. found all my parlor mates back.

Friday, 6

Cloudy

January Saturday, 7 1871.

Pleasant. Practiced ... 120 minutes. first since I have been back. No essays. Abbie, Addie and I took our exercise standing on the shore of the lake where the men were cutting ice, one frightened the fishes by breaking in. Had ice cream for dinner.

Sunday, 8

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January Monday, 9 1871.

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Avery excused us from half
our exercise

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January Friday, 13 1871.

Warm like a spring day.
106C overslept its self. late
to breakfast in consequence.
Mitchell made the excuses and
Abbie and I got in for nothing.
Walked with Addie at
the 9th period. Hattie D... got back
today. Breakfast after this at 8
o'clock on Saturday's and Sunday's.
Got three letters from home this morning.

Saturday, 14

Cloudy. Rose at half past seven
Practiced ... 1.20 ...
Got three letters, from Mama
Annie F. and Addie's which was
delayed. Abbie, Addie and I
walked at the 6th period.
106C were frightened by a knock
knock on the door after ten.
Abbie and I had a whole apple
this evening. Broke our bed
down when we got in.

January Sunday, 15 1871.

Misty Bible class as usual. Mr.
Woods a missionary from Constan
-tinople preached in the morning
Mr. C... from Sandwich
Islands in the afternoon.
Wrote letters to Papa and
Mama and Anne Freligh
106C broke its bed down again
today we must tie it up now

Monday, 16

Rained cleared off towards night
with a lovely sunset and rain
-bow. Got a letter from E...st this
morning and papers from home
This noon Mr. C... lectured
This evening upon the "Volcanoes
& Earthquakes of the Sandwich Islands.
It was quite interesting. We had Ice
cream for dinner. Thomas fixed
one bed this morning and Abbie
thought he was going to make it.

January Tuesday, 17 1871.

Pleasant. Could see the Mountain House. Went walking with Abbie and Addie at the 9th period. Took a new piece the "Chausons Boire Addie Whitney's birthday. Late to breakfast. President was in our French class. Tuttle kissed Addie 19 times. President lectured us in Chapel on loyalty. this evening.

Wednesday, 18

Pleasant. Gymnastics. The girls had to ... Prof Ritter's "History of Music it was perfectly killing The President continued his lecture of last evening. We are all wild to know what he is driving at. We know that Harrie ... was caught at 12 1/2 PM the other day going from Ella W..d's room but tonight he came down on the seniors hot & heavy. Sent for our apples today

January Thursday, 19 1871.

Pleasant. Got a letter from Mama this morning. Abbie Addie and I took our exercise watching the girls skate. The president gave us another lecture but this time it was about noise and loud talking. he spoke for Miss Lyman.

Friday, 20

Cloudy. Received letters from Annie and ... this morning. Miss Swayze lectures in NY this evening on "Women of all Ages." Went to Alpha in society hall to night with Mina and Lena. Drama "Mock Trial." criminal charged with slander J...Beach slander M... House, J B's lawyer Abbie Farwell House's Adalaid Skeel. Ice cream for dinner

January Saturday, 21 1871.

Pleasant. Took my exercise with Mina & Lena first in the Gymnasium learning to dance then we went down to the lake to see the girls skate. Everest came to see me was introduced to Mr Bull. The President gives the ... a party to night. Wrote again about our apples. Perry & Bl... called 8 P.M

Sunday, 22

Pleasant but very cold. Bible class as usual. The President's sermon much better than usual. Walked with Mina. Spent the afternoon in Lena's parlor. Mina was down to see Aggie. Wrote to Mama Annie & J.... Spent the evening in Lenas and Mina' parlor. Aggie came up. Had breakfast at eight o'clock and was late at that

January Monday, 23 1871.

Pleasant in the morning and snowed in the afternoon. Coldest day we have had. Dr. Avery excused us from all but 20 minute's exercise. The paths are shoveled all around. Terrible stories around the college concerning Miss Lyman but she cant be so sick she was in faculty meeting all afternoon. Prof Van Ingen has an addition of a son to his family

Tuesday, 24

Snowed until the afternoon still very cold, excused from half our exercise. Addie & I took our exercise together while Abbie was being examined in Rhetoric at the 8th period. Got a letter from Papa this morning. Miss Lyman comfortable today. The Thermometer was 48 [degrees] in Miss Wileys room where I took a lesson, Mercury 5 degrees.

January Wednesday, 25 1871.

Pleasant. Mercury 12 [degrees] below zero
Received a letter from Ettie at last.
Abbie went to Miss Morse and she
asked her how little Miss Kiersted
was getting along, she said very
well then she wanted to know if I
was studious Abbie told her yes
Free sleighing parties to night
Seniors, Freshmen, & Mixed
Ice cream for dinner.

Thursday, 26

Snowed all day very hard so
that we were excused from all out
door exercise and Gymnastics and
from going over to the Music Hall at all.
Got a letter from Mama this morning
& wrote to Ettie K. this afternoon. Dr. Avery
squelched Alice this morning for not
having on rubbers to go over to the Music
Hall. And would not let Abbie take
4 studies said it was too much for
her. ... she was sick last quarter (sic) which
was not so Let her take (sic) 3 1/2 and no Botany next ...

January Friday, 27 1871.

Very pleasant. Got a letter from Jennie this mornin. Excused from Gymnastics. Mrs Pruyne spoke to us after Chapel she ... womens missionary society in Albany. "Packs" came down with her among them Mrs. Elmendorf She spoke to me and I had quite a little talk with her after Chapel wasnt "Pussy" sweet though.

Saturday ,28

Pleasant. Add & I walked in the afternoon. I went to Dr. Avery and she said I must go to Miss Eddy & be for...ted 15 minutes & put a compress which I did & she said I must come the next day if not better I have been making picture frames they are very pretty One barrel of apples came today

January Sunday, 29 1871.

Snowey, but we were not
excused from exercise. I went
to Dr. Avery again this morning
she was lovely & gave me
medicine to take every half
hour. Dr. Smith of Philadelphia
preached this morning. The
roof leaks so that the plastering
is falling off all along the corridor
Miss Lymans 55th birthday

Monday, 30

Pleasant. I went to Dr. Avery again
& she gave me some more
medicine to take every half hour
before meals & said I need not
put any compresses on they did
not seem to help me - was for...ted
again, Miss Morse was around call
ing on the girls were terribly
afraid she would appear at
106 & kept the room in apple
pie order but she did not get farther than
100. Miss Swayze conducted corridor

Meeting Miss ...
is sick

January Tuesday, 31 1871.

Cloudy, but quite warm I
went to Dr. Avery again &
she asked me if i had on
flannels & of course I had
to say no! Then she told
me to write home in the two
o'clock mail for them which
I did of course. Mame & Alice
emptied the apples on the
floor this evening & sorted them

February Wednesday, 1

February Sunday, 12 1871.

Stormy, it has snowed
terribly hard all day. We had
the Episcopal service by the Right
Rev. Bishop Huntington it was
two hours long. Excused from
exercise. Wrote to Annie & Ettie
& Papa & Mama. Mrs Bixby
lectured tonight in Chapel
she is a returned missionary from
B...h & brought curiosities with her

Monday, 13

February Tuesday, 28 1871.

Pleasant. Abbie and I walked at the sixth period we stayed in front of the College all the time it was so muddy.

March Wednesday, 1

Pleasant. commenced
A... Recieved a letter from
Papa. Had a long students
meeting about Founders day
The Faculty proposed we ...
it a Spring ... which was
unanimously voted ...
Hiscock asked for an explanation
of College colors. ... Lewis trying
to be smart squelched her saying
the college colors consisted of silver

grey and rose red
Last year they asked
25 cts a yard and
she supposed they
would be the same
this year. Then she
sat down and got up
and said they
were worn as badges.
Miss Clark said our Rhetoric
class did splendidly and
learned their lessons well

March Thursday, 2 1871.

Lovely weather. Abbie and I took our exercise on the Observatory walk. Got a letter from Mama she has put \$1,500 in the savings bank for me. Miss Preston let me take Abbie's paper. Wonderful! Went to choral class. PM told me I need not sing as I had a cold.

Friday, 3

Misty and ... rain. Excused from half our exercise and it cleared of. Got a letter from Annie. Wrote to Add, Professor Backus lectured on the "Literature of the 19th century" I did not go, but staid and ... little women. Lena Kneopfell came over. Our seats in Chapel we rearranged.

March Saturday, 4 1871.

Cloudy we went to take our exercise, Abbie Tuttle & I at that bridge before Sunset ... Abbie stepped into a hole and her foot went through and ... her. We went to the bowling alley it snowed quite ... this afternoon for quite a while.

The students asso' met this morning the faculty have taken the name of W Philips off the list. ... proposed we ask the faculty to give us some good reason. it was carried unanimously

Sunday, 5

Lovely today. Abbie and I did not mind having to take our exercise. ... of the girls went in town to church. Abbie wrote to Tom and Alice wanted to know if she was writing to Charlie, I wrote to Mama Annie Freligh, Etta Loflin & Annie Kiph

March Monday, 6 1871.

It rained and was very dark, Dr. Avery excused us from half our exercise. Got my bill for schooling and paid it and sent it home. It snowed this morning. We had a mixed pie for dinner

Tuesday, 7

Lovely weather. Took my exercise with Abbie. Annie Parker and when I got back took another hour with Mina and Lena. Prof ... dog embraced me, Did not have any Latin Miss Smiley was sick. Prof ... told us we would recite both lessons at the fifth period and no one came to hear us

March Wednesday, 8 1871.

Lovely day. The messenger
girl came in this
morning and said
there was no mail, oh!
what groanings. The
Cecilia had a concert
Abbie and Mame went
but Alice and I could not
if we would we had no tickets

Thursday, 9

Pleasant. Abbie and I took
our exercise; went around
the lake , they are making
it ever so much larger,
Got a letter from Mama
and wrote one to her so did
Abbie. Excused from choral
class. Prof Ritter said he believed
we cheated him. Did
up my hair. Mame House
stared at me fearfully at supper

March Friday, 10 1871.

Pleasant. Got letters from Annie and Jennie. Bertha & Etta played a trick on our parlor this evening. I went to Betsi with Abbie and when we came up our rooms were literally upside down, every chair turned over, and the ... all over the floor and in both our bedrooms the beds were all torn to pieces. You just bet

they'll hear
before we get through
Dr. Robinson of Rochester lectured this evening
Abbie and I had
a jolly time sitting
on the floor of the
gallery making
... like fun.

Saturday, 11

Pleasant. Abbie, Mame and I went for minerals this morning we found quite a lot and stayed out an hour and a half I have two specimens of garnets and another one. Everest was out this afternoon and Jennie B. was there and also Kate M, & E... D..., Frank Warren came out to see them. Received letters from Papa & Etta

March Sunday, 12 1871.

Rainy, poured pitch forks &
blew hard all day. We
were excused from exercise.
Wrote 9 pages to Annie ... to Ettie
and wrote to Papa. Prof
Backus and Ray sat in
the gallery he is the "fidgisty"
little ... I ever saw.
Prof Mitchell also sat up there

Monday, 13

Pleasant. Got a letter
from Mama this morning
she said I might take
riding lessons and
now the Baron has to take
it into his head to go
away. Miss Corning
took her first lesson
and lots of the girls were
over there she told them they
must go away or she would tell

Miss Morse

March Tuesday, 14 1871.

Pleasant. Abbie and I took
our exercise at the 6 & 7 periods
we went around the lake.
Must remember to tell the
girls when I go home about
"Can I do any thing for
you Madame" and also
"Mustard plaster". Got
to Diction at last in Rhetoric.

Wednesday, 15

Very rainy, Dr. Avery
excused us from all exercise
but I had Gymnastics of cours.
Finished the first oration
in Cicero. Got a splendid
letter from Ettie Kiersted
12 pages long and full
of news. Mary Pennells
window was raised last
night about two. they screamed
and got the teachers up, had quite a ...

March Thursday, 16 1871.

Rainy. Abbie, Mina &
I took our exercise in
the bowling alley and
part of the time Lilly L
Alice went to bed this
afternoon with a cold, had
a lovely supper sent up.
"Comedy" came back to
our table from the senior table
where she had been ...ing

Friday 17

Rainy & cloudy. Received
letters from Papa Annie
and Jennie this morn-
ing. Went to Beta with
Abbie. Mame, Dora F. & Fannie
Shouse. went with her also
They had an "Old Folks
Concert" They did elegantly
especially E...Rice, who
was Grandmother or seemed
to be. Abbe is going to have fun now
in putting up her hair.

March Saturday, 18 1871.

Pleasant. Got a letter from Ettie. Mice have eaten 7 or 8 of my nice handkerchiefs. Abbie and I took an hours exercise on the Observatory walk. We practiced an hour before dinner. We had 130 words in Rhetoric to look out it took ... fully three hours or more long

Sunday, 19

Pleasant. Abbie and I took our exercise on the Gymnasium and Lake paths. Wrote to Annie, Jennie, & Ettie. Set a trap for that mouse and caught it during church this morning Mame screamed fearfully when I brought it out Abbie was quite courageous

March Monday, 20 1871.

Pleasant. Went out at half past ten to dispose of a mouse and had our usual amount of giggling to do, before we got back, and when we did get in bed away went the old trap again. Had a fearful time with my stockings mending them after

Tuesday, 21

Rainy, but of course it cleared off about noon and we were not excused so we took our exercise in the bowling alley. Miss Preston wouldn't kiss her Parents if she hadn't seen them for the longest while any where but in the house and she didn't believe in kissing nevertheless we found her smacking at a great rate in the hall tonight splendid

... she will take breakfast in the little room after what she said tonight and was caught

March Wednesday, 22 1871.

Pleasant. Took ten minutes
exercise this noon with Kate
Maltby. Abbie and Mame
got their German Bibles
today I must bring my
French Bible back when
I come back after vacation
Gave in our name for the
Catalogue tonight.

Thursday, 23

Pleasant. Abbie and I went
around the lake for our
exercise. We payed Etta
and Bertha back today
in their own coin by sewing
up their dreseses, making a ...
bed for Bertha and sewed
up Ettas nightgown.
They brought up red
pepper from table tonight
so we must look out

March Friday, 24 1871.

Pleasant. Abbie and I went over to see the 9th period Gymnastic class practice. Alices trunk came She had a box of candies & nuts and rasins so we had a feast after ten in our room. Abbie Mame and I went over to Delta in Society Hall they had a drama from Shake.. Much ado about nothing they all did splendidly. got letters from

Annie and Jennie

Saturday, 25

Pleasant. Got a letter from Mama. Studied all morning. made a cross, or transparency this afternoon. Walked with Abbie around the lake, wonder I got back to the house she made me laugh so. Our trunks came down today. Abbie one about Dan the nigger "kindling wood's gone up the spout" and a greenwich girl with a cat under the table "... " ...

at the same time.

March Sunday, 26 1871.

Pleasant in the morning but
cloudy this afternoon. Walked
with Abbie and Hattie Dewey
Wrote to Mama that was
all I was to (sic) lazy to do more
The two Miss M...s were up
here this evening. I must
... and bring back
that empty blank book when
I come after vacation. My throat
is

sore and I took
some salt from the
table right under
... and Mrs. Preston's
eyes and they
never saw me.

Monday, 27

I was quite surprised to wake
up and find the ground
covered with snow and
quite awoke Abbie by my ex-
(sic) exclamations. Miss Morse sent
for Tuttle and Abbie she asked
Abbie when she meant to be
examined in Botany. Tuttle,
she told her she must be exam-
ined om Rhetoric Ancient History
and Botany or she would be Special Prep

March Tuesday, 28 1871.

Snowed a little in the morning
but was pleasant. A...
has packed and taken her
exercise and so has Abbie.
Mame has been studying
Rhetoric all the time since
she was to Miss Morse.
Abbie received a note from the
President telling her she would be a Soph
Bought our trunk tickets

Wednesday, 29

Pleasant. Miss Clark told us in
Chapel this morning the Gymnastics
class of today and tomorrow
were excused to give us time to
pack but she hoped we would
not neglect our health but go out.
Got our tickets and checks. I
packed but did not go out.
I thought packing was enough
exercise for one day. Got a
letter from Etta L... this a. m.

March Thursday, 30 1871.

Not very pleasant. I finished packing; our trunks had to be ready by four, mine was one of the first to go. Had a concert tonight & a quartet up from New York. I made arrangement to go with Abbie and Lena Knopffell but missed them both found Agnes and sat by her. Etta & Abbie are torturing themselves for prides sake in 106.C. now.

Friday, 31

Pleasant. I am home, splendid! Abbie, Bertha, Alice, Etta, May and myself came down in a carriage together and we came flying. Abbie Bertha and I went up town after they left and coming back met I sat with L. Barrett in the car as far as Rhinebeck and as a "gentleman" was troubling Miss House after she left I asked

her if she would not take the empty seat which she did and we had a very pleasant time the rest of the way as I never met her before. Jennie was up to see me this evening

April Saturday, 1 1871.

Pleasant this morning and of course I had to wake up before six. Snowy this afternoon and evening the ground is quite covered. Went riding with papa this morning & Annie F came to see me, I went down to Lucy's to see about my riding habit. Etta and Jen called on me this

afternoon and I went back to Ettie's and saw her watch it is very pretty. Jennie came back with me and staid (sic) to tea and is here now to stay all night.

Sunday, 2

Pleasant. Jennie went home about nine. When I went out the gate this morning to go to church with Mama whom should I meet but Ed Hotaling and Miny Loveleigh I had not seen Ed before but I had Miny. The ... Gillespy came home with me to night rather ... I think for him, I was

so surprised and provoked that I asked him if he had not made a mistake. Wrote to Mame Tuttle to night.

April Monday, 3 1871.

Rainy in the morning. I
spent it over to Ettie's and
cut out a picture frame
after dinner I went over
to see Hattie's at three o'clock
I went up to school and
walked down with Annie
to her house to stay a little
while they persuaded me to
stay to ... and I sent

Miny up to tell
Mama I was
going to spend the
evening. Miny
came home with me.

Tuesday, 4

Pleasant. Lovely overhead but
horrid underfoot. Took
dinner with Aunt Mary
Seaman. Took Eddie out
walking. Got three letters
from Abbie, Agnes Hall
and Ettie Kiegsted she
wants me to come down
on Saturday and spend
... Went riding
with Miny and Annie

twice up the ...
and down by Glasco
and round by ...
had a splendid ride.
Practiced quite a
while this evening
then Miny came
in and spent the
rest of it

April Wednesday, 5 1871.

Pleasant the wind blew
a hurricane. Went down
to ...'s my riding habit
has not come yet was over
to Hattie's in the morning
and she was baking cake
and made me two hot
ones I staid to dinner
Went to Mrs C... to spend
the evening had a very nice
time. Mr Grass learnd (sic)some

of us to play a
five handed game of
... went to
refreshments with
Henry Wilbur after their
play. ... with
Henry against M...
and Mr C... afterward
Mr Grass. Fred ...
came home with me
and Henry walked on behind

Thursday, 6

April Friday, 7 1871.

Saturday, 8

Very pleasant but fearfully
warm the thermometer
stood at 85 [degrees] on the North
side of our house in the shade
Went down to Annie's for
awhile this morning
spent the rest of it with
Miss Wells and took dinner
at Aunt Mary Seamans
Went to church with
Kitty and Miny

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April Sunday, 9 1871.

Fearfully hot and cloudy
in the afternoon. Miss
Wells, Annie, Miny and I
went over to the Episcopal
Church in the afternoon
I met Will K... in a
carriage on the hill. The
Sunday School had sort of
an Easter Sermon I had a class
to take up stairs. F Pidgeon ...
me home to night

Monday, 10

Pleasant. Frank Pidgeon came
for me to go to ride &
I told him I had no
time and a few minutes after
Miny came and I could
not go with him either.
Was out shopping with
Kitty and caught Charlie
asleep in the store it was
fun to see him go out.
Miny spent the evening
with me.

April Tuesday, 11 1871.

Cloudy all day, and rained a little this afternoon.

Practiced an hour & a quarter this morning and got my hat and slippers.

After dinner I packed them

Kitty came in Went up to school to see Mini and ... go to Bristol. Papa would not let me go.

Then sent to Kitty's When Annie came ... went up there She gave me her picture and Mary walked home with me My Riding habit came home tonight

Wednesday, 12

Part cloudy and clear. Left home at quarter of seven and got back here just at the end of the 1st period

Saw M... three times 1st at L...Keeneys gate with his sp... then he passed by the Exchange and after I got on the ferry he passed again. Ed Hotaling saw me in the omnibus and came and bade me good

.... Met Alice and Etta on the cars. Addie Whitney is back again and Abbie they came yesterday.

April Thursday, 13 1871.

Clear this morning but rainy this afternoon
There is no riding master horrid!! so Abbie
and I cannot take. Wrote to Mama this afternoon
Abbie and Addie and I took our exercise together
which seemed quite natural.

Friday, 14

Pleasant. Went over to Gymnastics but only
practiced the dumbbells. Received a letter from
Jenni this morning Charlie Davis and ...
Hutchins called this afternoon. I happened to
look out the window & saw them ... and a few
minutes after the

messenger girl came up and told me they were in
the parlor and said Miss Morse wanted to know if
... Charlie, quite wonderful.

April Saturday, 15 1871

Pleasant in the morning but rained in the afternoon
Got a letter from Annie Freligh Practice an hour and
a quarter[sic]. Abbie was out surveying all day.
Add and I took our exercise together I christened
my big hat. Everest was coming

out but did not and sent me flowers instead.
Went to call on Miss Wiley at night had a
real pleasant call.

Sunday, 16

Pleasant[sic] but cloudey[sic] this afternoon.
Wrote to Annie & Jennie. Wore my new spring hat.
took my exercise with Add after dinner went round
the lake. Took my French bible to church. Miss
Morse came in late and sat in the gallery. Mr.
Hague preached awfully poky

April Monday, 19 1871.

Pleasant. Miss Clark told me in the dining room this noon we would have no Gymnastics until further notice so Abbie and addie and I took our exercise and walked up the road to the three roads and past the

"house with the trees" Mame Tuttle wants us to join her in getting a croquet set. Got a letter and paper from Papa this morning.

Tuesday, 18

Pleasant. Abbie and Addie and I took our exercise right after dinner walked around the lake then out of the fartherest gate and down the road in the lodge gate. Abbie and Addie were going to soak me with a pail of water because I said I would not vote Professor Backus was in our

Rhetoric class this morning

April Wednesday, 19 1871.

Cloudy but did not rain. Wrote to Mama and Papa.
We have a new player in Gymnastics she is splendid
keeps decent ... and plays something decent
they say she is Mrs ...'s cousin Prof Backus was in our
Rhetoric class again this morning

and Miss Clark says she has asked him to come
in every day until we get used to him. Meeting of
students association . Prof Raymond has
consented to read on Founders day for \$100,
which M... ... gave him, and have tableaux

Thursday, 20

Rainy all day until about tea time, when it cleared
of[sic] splendidly and the sun came out gorgeous
but it is fearfully foggy now & has been ever since
tea. Abbie and Add and I walked around the new
flower beds which extend all around the circle
Tuttle is talking "Irish" at a great rate

Students meeting and we voted ...\$100 to Proffessor[sic]
Raymond for his reading & \$50 for tableaux and between
\$30 & 40 for flowers all for Founders day and as there
is no money in the treasury there will be a ... to collect
it at No 22.

April Friday, 21 1871.

Pleasant[sic] this morning after the fog cleared up but we had a fearful thunder storm this afternoon the tenth period Gymnastics were excused on account of it. Got a letter from Jennie. Wrote to Ettie Laflur this afternoon.

Went in to Beta with Lena Knoepfel

Saturday, 22

Cloudy all day. we were goin[sic] to cedar ridge but it was so wet we could not. I practiced an hour & twenty minutes Got a letter from Annie and Mama. Went out walking with Addie & Abbie after dinner and while I was gone A... Keersted came to see me

of course I did not see her and would not have known it if Miss Slocum had not told me.

April Sunday, 23 1871.

Pleasant. Abbie and Addie and I took our exercise between Chapel and dinner the wind nearly blew us away. Wrote to Mama, Annie, Jennie and Miss Wells at last. It was so cold I had to wear my winter dress and was not any to[sic] warm.

Monday, 24

Pleasant. did not forget elocution the teacher gave us some phamphalets[sic]. Mame Tuttle went to town this afternoon without any permission rode back with a gentleman and Dr. Avery saw her get out and then Mame told Prof VAn Ingen like a goose that the reason she was

not in her class was that she went to town. Commenced Vergil today and finished Cicero for which Oh! let us be joyful!

April Tuesday, 25 1871.

Cloudy but did not rain Got a letter from Everest and wrote to Kitty Hopkins Addie and Abbie & I took a long walk of a 1 1/2 miles but ... of the ... Add went searching for board for one of the old graduates

her husband and child. The baby is going to have a silver cup the same as they do in Yale and Harvard. We went to three different houses but without success had a splendid time

Wednesday, 26

Pleasant Wrote to Everest. Thought we were going to have a lecture in Chapel tonight as I sit in the Gallery Abbie told me to motion to her if I saw Miss Morse come in for then we surely were going to have one. I saw her & motioned to Abbie and then waited for the lecture

but "not for Job." The reason of the lecture was some girl told Miss Morse that Fred Hinkle had been carrying note to B... for some girls and several of the girls were called up.

April Thursday, 27 1871.

Rainy. Abbie and Addie took their exercise at the period and got drenched but I like a wise girl staid[sic] in. Went over with them to see the evening class practice Gymnastics. Had a Students meeting to

get that everlasting money for the flowers The president has not given us that lecture yet they are getting fearful stories around I heard three and then of ,, ,,, to be expelled

Friday, 28

Rainy. A Holiday oh the bliss At dinner Dr. Avery told us we were excused from half our exercise on a holiday. Got letters from Ettie L & Annie F. Have been reading Kenilsworth all day. Wore my light silk to night the entertainment of Founders Day the dramatic reading

was splendid and so were the tableaux. We did not get out until nearly twelve and the bell struck at that hour for us to put out our lights of course we were not ... & Miss Hamlin knocked on the inside of our window. Never before was a teacher known to go around

April Saturday, 29 1871.

Showery, had a terrible one this afternoon.
Walked around the lake with Abbie and Add.
Everest was out this afternoon Jennie did
not come down until after three. he left
about four. Practised an hour and ten
minutes

Sunday, 30

Pleasant. Never forget our Sermon on
Tobacco and Alchohol[sic]. I suppose
it was intended to ... on those girls
flirting. Wrote to Ella Hatlin beside
the usual letters It was a shame the
length of time I let her letter to
unanswered

May Monday, 1 1871

Pleasant. Marsha Brown wanted to know if I realized it was the first of May. Got a letter and paper from Papa and wrote him one. "They say" the new riding master has come I hope it is true Kate Maltby said if we studied down there

during study hour we would have to ask Miss Morse & our corridor teachers so I came up & studied in Berthas room.

Tuesday, 2

Lovely. Abbie & Addie and I went by the road and around by Mrs Wheelers for our walk The president has at last given us that lecture. He commenced, "Smoking, Drinking playing cards and carrying on clandestine correspondence with young men are common in "Vassar College" and then they caught it. He read the

three girls names. Doris Eplis & Maltby he said they ought to be expelled but they would only put them probation which was they are only allowed to to for exercise to the wall in front of the college and the brook back and shall be especially watched and not allowed to receive calls from gentlemen this year

May Wednesday, 3 1871.

Rainy. College colors have come and been divided. the photographer has come and has all his things in the Gymnasium he intends taking pictures there. Abbie has gone to practice her part as Carlos Smythe in a tableaux for Friday in

Room D ... by Bela.

The bird tried to scratch his eye out this afternoon.

Thursday, 4

It has poured all day and all last night. Dr Avery for a wonder excused us from exercise. Got a letter from Mama and wrote to her. Fearful lessons for tomorrow Pratt and I wrote our French exercises to gether Miss Kapp gives fearful lessons.

May Sunday, 7 1871.

Monday, 8

Pleasant. Got a Letter and paper from home and Annie's Letter I had ought to have had Saturday it was written on the 4th and was not mailed until the sixth. Wrote to Papa, Jennie, B... inquired for Everest's directions. Alice asked the photographer for the price of his pictures and he told

her Prof ... had the estimate. I wonder if the College mean to make any thing out of it.

May Tuesday, 9 1871.

Pleasant. Abbie and Add walked around the lake while I sat down on the bench and studied. In Chapel this morning they told us that we could make appointments to meet the artist from 12 to 1 today and tomorrow but I am not going. We had to stay after Chapel to night to see

about the riding lessons the master... course. He wanted to know if we could all go at the 6th period to see him I was the only one who said no and he wanted to know what period I wanted. I said the ninth and "pussey" squealed "Savage what ..." I looked around to find Savage and found she meant ... Kiersted ... Oh! I always get your name wrong

Wednesday, 10

Pleasant. Abbie and I went over to see the riding master today.

May Saturday, 13 1871.

Sunday, 14

Pleasant. Abbie and Add and I took our exercise by walking around the flower garden it looks very pretty. A Mr McFarland from Brooklyn preached for us he is horrid, has been here for the last two days visiting the College. Wrote to Annie and Jennie long letters.

May Monday, 15 1871.

Tuesday, 16

Pleasant. got a letter and paper from home. Took my first riding lesson to day with Abbie. The master came up to Abbie and asked her if she knew what he meant when he said "Halt" she said it was to stop. We mounted in elegant style one leg is stiff the left. Where we were going to get off he told me we ought

to ride every day then we could ride well by the time we went home. I told him we had Gymnastics three times a week so we could not. Then he said he thought riding was the best "Gymnastics" we could have.

May WEdnesday, 17 1871.

Pleasant. Wrote home and sent them a Catalogue. They say McFarland is going to write some thing about the College. I believe ifor he was in Chapel to night and had a lot of papers with him. He led last night and stalked in alone as big as the president.

Thursday, 18

Pleasant. Got my proofs they are both good and one very good. Took our second riding lessons today. before going over we went down in the Library to learn how to mount. We got roaring so we could not read but had to leave the room for fear of being squelched. He had us try the jockey

trot.

Oh my didn't we jump. Miss Clark "..."
Mr. McFarland has gone at last I think hope his article about the college is good.

May Friday, 19 1871.

Pleasant. Got letters from Kittie Hopkins and Jennie. Got all dressed for Gymnastics and we did not have them, Miss Colwell had a notice pinned[sic] up in the Gymnasium that we should walk instead. Abbie & Add and I

took it watching the girls ride. Our whole parlor did not wake until the breakfast bell rang and we heard the girls going down to breakfast that was the first sound any of us heard.

Saturday, 20

Pleasant, and very warm I took off my flannel drawers and wish I had my shirt. Got a letter from Annie. Practiced an hour and a quarter. Walked around the flower beds with Add they looked lovely. Add and I have just been taking a walk past the

parlor to see if we could see any thing of the senior and junior party. all the doors were open and we did see splendidly and oh! didn't we want some of those lovely strawberries they had packs.

May Sunday, 21 1871.

Monday, 22

Pleasant. Wrote home and sent one of my proofs I ought to have had a letter from home During tea time we had a fearful thunder storm we had taken half an hours exercise befor[sic] tea. They gave out at dinner we would have not more Gymnastics until further notice. Perfectly splendid

May Tuesday, 23 1871.

Pleasant. Have not received a letter from home, very strange I think. Took a riding lesson today he was going to learn us the jockey trot but as he has only two horses that will trot Mixed Pickle & Minna and M. P. is lame for 14 days he says, and so Abbie and

I had a splendid gallop I on Gypsie & Abbie on Josie

May Thursday, 25 1871.

Pleasant. Got a letter at last from home. And wrote this afternoon but forgot to mail the letter until after tea. I had to ride Minna today and he more than made me trot, I was fearfully tired. He wants us to chang[sic] our time so we can take alone. I second

the motion!

Friday, 26

June Sunday, 4 1871.

Monday, 5

Pleasant. Had to get up with the College scourge at four o'clock and hardly got in bed but I had to get up to dress. for riding we went at five it was very windy when we first started. Cut the toll gate both ways at least Mr Meusdorf did had a splendid trot got a letter from

Mama and ... papers. Wrote to Jennie and Mama and sent Catalogues to Jennie and Aunt Eliza

June Tuesday, 6 1871.

Pleasant. Got a registered letter from Papa this morning with money to pay my school bill. I had to send in a written order signed by myself to get it. Had a splendid ride in the Riding school we went to the German trot to learn he said to

keep fast in our saddles and had a splendid Jockey trot and gallop. Sent in envelopes stamped and directed for Class Day and Philalethean address

Wednesday, 7

Cloudy all day and rained in the afternoon and evening. We were to ride on the road after tea but it rained so we could not go and we had to content ourselves[sic] with riding in the riding school. Got a letter from Papa, recited in all my lessons this morning Some body

broke the match safe? cant find out who?

June Thursday, 8 1871.

Pleasant. I did not get any letters
have not had any from Annie ...
for nearly two weeks, wonder what is
the matter? Read in Latin had the first
oration of Cicero for review. Abbie
and I took our exercise right after
dinner and made Mr

Meusdorf understand
about our riding lessons we watched
him come from dinner we were afraid
to go to his house for fear he might
be "changing" as he was one day.

Friday, 9

Pleasant. Did not get any letter
ought to have had one from Jennie.
Abbie and Addie and I took the "Sixty
Minutes Every day" at the seventh
period. Practiced an hour this
afternoon to make up for not
practicing last Saturday. read in
Latin. Jewett and an other trustee

were in our Rhetoric Class.

June Saturday, 10 1871.

Pleasant. Got a letter from Annie Freligh[sic] at last he Grandfather is dead: and she has had to be cook and house keeper at home. also got one from Mama. Practiced an hour. Rode on Mixpickel and got the jocky[sic] trot on her which was splendid

"I fell like a fool"

Sunday, 11

Pleasant wrote a letter to Annie Freligh[sic] she has had quite a turn had to be houskeeper[sic] cook and nurse her grandfather has been sick and died. Abbie and Addie took our excersise[sic] this afternoon and saw a 'lout'.

June Monday, 12 1871.

Tuesday, 13

Pleasant Got a letter from Everest with his pictures one for myself and one for Jennie. We did not take any ride today I was so lame in all my bones in fact "my beans" felt as if they were all broken. My name was read out as freshman this evening

in Chapel. Abbie and Addie choose rooms this morning they have both in the same parlor on Sewalls corridor

June Wednesday, 14 1871.

Thursday, 15

Rainy. Got letters from Mama and also one from Aunt Eliza acknowledging the receipt of the Catalogue I sent her. Was examined in Latin and French did not have to recite in Latin and there were no visitors in. No more of those for three months.

Chose our rooms today. I am on the fourth north again and have the fourth and got the single room in 107.

Cash Account, January.

Date.	Received	Paid.
5th	\$16.70	\$ cts
6th	2 boxes Matches	.05
14th	Diary	.50
16th	Leadpencil	.10
"	Stamps & pens	.11
18th	Part of Barrel of Apples	.90
21st	Perferorated[sic] board	.35
21st	1/8 of a yard of Red silk	.28
23rd	Messenger girl	.10
23rd	Extra Washing	.20
23rd	6 sheets of paper	.03
24th	bottle of Ink	.05
26th	Writing paper	.70
26	Express on apples	.06
26th	Bristol board	.12

\$ 3.55

\$ 16.70

3.55

13.15

Cash Account, February.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
1st	Left from Jan	\$13.15	\$ cts
4th	sheet of wapping[sic] paper		.02
11th	Composition & Rhetoric		1.50
15th	Crystal for watch		25
16th	2 skeins of silk floss		40
18th	2 worsted needles		12
18th	Perforated board		15
21th[sic]	blank book & quire of paper		45
22nd	3 stamps		.12
"	one package envelopes		15
25th	33 stamps		.99
28th	Cicero		1.25
28th	Spread		.84

\$6.14

13.15

6.14

\$7.01

Cash Account, March.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
	Received from Papa \$8.15	\$ cts
1st	Left from Feb \$6.97	
	<u>\$15.12</u>	
4th	paid Miss Howell, shaving case for Papa	1.12
6th	... of paper	.10
16th	flowers for Miss Lyman	.20
18th	Blank book	.20
"	Vail[sic] & corset steels	.95
21st	Postage stams & lead pencil	.17
27th	for trunk key	.10
27th	for bristle[sic] board	.18
28th	for trunk ticket	.30
29th	for ticket & check	.65
30th	for washing	.16
31st	Collar	.25
31"	Candy	.60
31"	For Carriage	.50
31"	Lent Papa	.10
	15.12	<u>\$5.58</u>
	5.58	
	<u>\$ 9.54</u>	

Cash Account, April.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
Received from Papa	11.00	\$ cts
1st Left from March	\$9.54	
	<u>20.54</u>	
1st for lining waist & sleeves		.45
1st Writing paper		.60
12th for carriage & trunk		.75
15th For photos of the College		.75
20th For Student Asso.		.50
21st For quire of paper		.20
22nd For ribbon ... 1 1/4 yds		.75
22nd Two pen's[sic]		.02
24th 1 1/2 yds of blue ribbon		.80
25th For Virgil	1.25	
25th Postage stamps		.48
26 To students association		.10
28 For envelopes & stamps		.25
	<u>\$6.90</u>	
	\$20.54	
	6.90	
	<u>\$13.64</u>	

Cash Account, May.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
16th Recd from Papa	10.00	\$ cts
Left from April	\$13.64	

\$23.64

3rd To extra washing		.28
" College colors		.50
" B...	.60	
6th Paper of pins		.10
8th To back comb		.30
15th Lead pencil		.08
16th For washing		.08
17 " For postage stamps		.48
27th For canvass[sic]		.18
" For 1 1/2 ... of worsted		37
" For photographs		8.00
30th Cake of soap		.15
" Quire of paper		.20

\$11.32

23.64

11.32

12.32

Cash Account, June.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
Left from May	\$12.32	
1st for invitations		.50
2nd " g... tie	1.50	
2 " " one envelope		.01
" For fan large		.13
6th 7 postage stamps		.21
" 1 envelope for myself &		.02
" one for Abbie		.02
" for Philatheathean address		.05
" for my bill	1.65	
12th paper		.25
" Express		.50
" Washing		.08
15th Two trunk tickets		.60
" postage stamps		.12
16th Repair of braclets[sic]		.75
17th For elastic and hairpins		.09

Cash Account, June.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
17th For Autograph Album		1.00
17th For ticket	.50	
" extra washing	.41	

Cash Account, November.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
	\$10.00	

For stamps		.91
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Cash Account, Summary.

Received. Paid.
cts cts

JANUARY, \$16.70 \$3.55
 \$6.14

FEBRUARY,

MARCH, \$8.15 \$5.58

APRIL, \$11.00 \$6.90

MAY,
 \$10.00 \$11.32

Memoranda.

Addresses

Miss Abbie S. White
491. Third St.
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Miss Addie S. Whitney
Waltham
Mass

Miss Alice M. Mitchell
Du Buque
Iowa

Miss Mary R. Little
Wyoming
Penn

Miss Agnes W. Hall
Walingford[sic]
Conn

Miss Hattie A Dewey
Box 4953
New York City

Memoranda.

Essays of Class of 1871

Essay 1st "Pleasures of Reading Nov 12th
Maccurley"
by Ida Adams

Essay 2. "Conflicts with self" Nov 12
by Mary Clinton

Essay 3 "Benefits of War Nov 19
by Emma Cornell

Essay 4 "Books of Nature Nov 19
Providence and Grace"
by Milly Esty

Essay 5 "Sunbeams" Dec 3
by Emma Garnsey

Essay 6 "Power of Thought" Dec 3
by Marie Glover

Essay 7 The power of Doubt Dec 17
by Miss E. Folsom

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Essay's of
Class of '71

Essay 8 "Royalty ni Bonds" Dec 17
by Emma Hawkes

Essay 9 "Our Mecca" Jan 14
by Dora Hileman

Essay 10 "Autumn Leaves" Jan 14
by Euphenia Hopper

Essay 11 "Our Working Classes Jan 21
by Kate B. Jewett

106C MAKP
Main Addie Whitney?
Abbie Farwell?

The 1871 Diary of
Mary A. Kiersted, freshman, ex'75
(Mrs. Frank Pidgeon)
The writer had a preparatory year
at VC because of a Latin deficiency,
She was married in September of her
junior year (Sept 17, 1873).

1871 Jan.5. Left Saugerties at 7A.M.
Thurs. Arrived at College at 9:45
Crossed river in sleigh, iceboat and walked,
with three men.

Sat. Jan.7 Addie (Whitney?) Abbie(?) and I
watched men cut ice on the lake.
Had ice cream for dinner

Mon Jan 9 Very cold so Dr Avery excused students
from "half our exercise".

Fri. the 13th Walked with Addie the 9th period
Hattie Dewey got back today.
Up at 7:30. Practiced (?piano?) 1.20 min.
Walked 6th period-Room 106C
Apple to eat - Bed "broke down"!
(over)

- Sun Jan 15 - Missionary from Constantinople preached. AM
Man from the "Sandwich Island, in the P.M.
(Mr. Coan)
Wrote letters to both parents and had to tie
up broken bed.
- Mon Jan 16 - Lovely sunset. Mr. Coan lectured on Volcanos
& earthquakes in Sandw. Is.- interesting. Ice
cream for dinner.
Thos. fixed bed.
- Tues. 17th Addie Whitney's birthday (19)
(19 kisses)
President in chapel "Loyalty."
- Wed 18th The girls had to buy Prof. Ritter's
"History of music." Perfectly killing
Pres. came down on the seniors "hot and heavy".
- Thu. 19th Pres. spoke for Miss Lyman about noise and
loud talking.
- Fri. 20th "Mock Trial" drama. Slander Jennie Beach
her lawyer "Abbie" Farnell. Ice cream for
dinner.

1871 Sat 21 Exercise in gym- learning to dance-then to lake to see girls skate.
Pres. party for seniors tonight: Wrote for apples. Two men called
at 8 P.M.

Sun 22 - Very cold. ... in Lena's and Maria's parlor.
Breakfast at 8
Miss Lyman not well. Prof. Van Ingen has a new son.

Mon. Jan 23
Snow. Paths are shoveled.

Wed Jan 25 12 [degrees] below zero.
"Little' Miss Kiersted""studious" Miss Morse said.
Freshman & Mixed sleighing parties.
Tonight - Ice cream for dinner.

Thu Jan 26 Smowed all day so not Music Hall trips.

Fri - Jan 27 Dr. Avery recommends a compress. Barrel of apples came.

Sun Jan 29 - Miss Lyman's 55th birthday. Roof leaks so plaster falling
off in corridors. Dr. Avery "was lovely" Medicine every
1/2 hr. "Fomented" (?) again. Dr. Avery

Tues. Jan 31 said write home for flannels
Mame & Alice sorted apples in barrel.

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Sun Feb 12 Bishop Huntington - 2hr. Episcop[al] service. Later returned missionary talked on Burma(?) Wrote letters home.

Tues. Feb 28 Muddy.

Wed. Mar. 1 Long students meeting re Founder's Day College colors - "silver gray" & "rose red", 25 [cents] a yard.

Thu Mar 2 Abbie & I exercise on Observatory Walk. "Lovely weather" Mama has put \$1000 in the Savings Bank for me.

Fri. Mar 2 Prof. Backus lecture, Literature of the 19th Cent. I read Little Women instead of going to [the lecture]

Sat. Mar. 4. W. Phelps taken off Faculty list - Students ask for good reason.

Sun Mar 5 Many girls went in town to church.

Mon Mar 6 Got bill for schooling, paid it and sent it home. Pie for dinner.

Tues Mar 7 No Latin Miss Smiley sick Prof. Hinkle - Annie Parker - Mina & Lina. e?

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Wed. Mar 8 "Cecilia" had a concert
Messenger girl said "no mail."
Abbie Farwell? and Mame
went. Alice & I had no tickets.

Thu Mar 9 Lake being made much larger.

Fri Mar 10 Bertha & Etta pulled room contents apart.
"You just bet they'll have some fun before
we get through."

Sat Mar 11 Abbie, Mame & I went for minerals. Got some
garnets, etc. Kate Maltby, Jenny Beach & Everest
Kiersted (at school in P'ok) visited.

Sun. Mar 13 - Letter from Mama says I may take riding lessons.
The Baron has gone away. Miss Corning took her
1st lesson.

Tues Mar 14 - Diction in Rhetoric course

Wed 15th - Finished Cicero 1st oration.
May Pennell's window raised at 2 A.M.

Sat Mar 18 Mice ate up 7 or 8 best handkerchifs[sic]
130 words in rhetoric to look up - 3 hrs or more it took.

Sun Mar 19 Caught mouse in trap. Mame screamed.
(over)

Tues Mar 21 Rainy. Took exercise in the bowling alley.

Wed Mar 22 Exercise with Kate Malby (Mrs. Meserole later)
German Bibles came. Will bring
French Bible back after vacation.
Gave names for the Catalogue tonight

Thu. Mar 23 Paid Etta & Bertha back "in their own coin"
today by sewing their dresses up -also a-bed
for Bertha & sewed up Etta's nightgown-
They took red pepper from table so Watch out.

Fri. Mar 24 Alice's trunk had candies nuts & raising in it-
"so we had a feast." Went to Delta in Society Hall.
"Much ado"...all did splendidly. Studied all
morning. Abbie very funny stories.

Sun Mar 26 Sore throat- Salt from table - With Hattie Dewey &
Abbie exercise

Mon Mar 27 Miss Morse asked when Abbie could take Botany exams.
Also had to take Ancient History and Rhetoric.

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Tues Mar. 28 Note from Pres. to Abbie to say she'd be a Soph.

Wed Mar 29 Miss Clark said we were excused from Gym to pack. Didn't go out, Thought "packing was exercise enough for one day."
Got tickets & trunk checks. Trunks to be ready by 4.

Thur Mon 30 Concert. Quartet up from NY. Abbie and Lena Kne--? fell (?)

Fri Mar 31 I am home. Cars to Rhinebeck. [couldn't read]

Sat Apr. 1 (Home) Went riding with Papa in A.M. Lucy (Link of Saugerties) to fit riding habit.

Fri Apr 7 Fearfully warm 85 [degrees]

-- Sun Apr 9 F. Pidgeon took me home Went to Trinity Church, Saugerties.

Mon Apr 10 F. Pidgeon came again to take MAK for a ride. "No time" she told him

Tues Apr. 11 Riding habit delivered.

Mon 17 Mame Tuttle
(over)

Sun Apr 23 Very cold

Mon Apr 24 Finished Cicero. Began Virgil

Mon May 1 New riding master came.

Thu May 4 Miss Kapp (?) gives fearful lessons (French?)

Wed May 10 Abbie & I went to see the riding master today.

Sun May 14 Flower garden looked very pretty.

Mr. McFarland from Brooklyn preached.

Tues. May 18 2d[sic] riding lesson today.

Thu June 15 No more Latin & French for 3 mos.

Accounts at back of diary

January spent \$3.55

part of apple barrel .80

writing paper .70

Feb.

Cicero 1.25

33 stamps .99

March Candy .50

Lent Papa! .10

April Photos of college .75

Vergil 1.75

May photog 8.00

cake soap .15

June Autog album 1.00

2 trunk tickets .60

Essays