

Vassar, Jan 10th 1867.

Darling Abbie,

Your nice letter which I received some weeks since has been left unanswered much longer than it should have been, but you know from experience what a little inclination we have for writing the few last days of the term. The least said the soonest mended so I'll not continue to offer any apology. Well we are all here once more after our very short vacation, but perhaps the few days of happiness was more appreciated than if more time had been granted us. I suppose you must be having a gay time this winter, I should judge your outfit to be very pretty from your description. I saw Pars when in New York he being an old friend of yours I thought you would like to hear of him. Abbie I often feel tempted to let him know to whom he is indebted for that letter which opened such a pleasant correspondence. Egerton is in New Orleans, he went about five weeks ago. We are friends again, and are corresponding. He has gone in business and as he expresses it his aim is fame and gold. Fannie has just apprised me of the fact that she has never told you about Mrs Van Ingen. I do wish you could see her, I am so poor at descriptions that you can form but a faint idea of her ladyship. She is as tall as her husband, dark eyes & hair, very high cheek bones, dark complexion and does not speak English. Now just think of dear Henry the husband of such a one. He does not seem as gay and festive as of yore, matrimonial cares have badly affected him, poor fellow!

Our room looks very pleasantly we sport eight pictures on the walls quite a change from last year don't you think so? But give me old 87 and its occupants! I long for the good old times

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very very often— Tell Carrie Algebra is progressing. I seldom sit down to study it but my mind carries me back to one year ago and my patient teacher in the form of Carrie Slade. Give her lots of love for me & tell her I'm going to write her soon.

Yours lovingly

Neta

Write me again soon

[Anneta Hortense Camp, spec. Jan. '66-67,
To Abigail L. Slade, spec. '65-66]