

Vassar College, Jan. 25,/69.

My darling Brother,

Yours of Jan. 20 came duly to hand and I was most truly glad to receive it. I am glad to be assured of your love and trust, and to know that your feelings towards me were not such as I feared. I understand your feelings towards those you love, as you speak of them, for X feel that they are my own. The power of those X love to hurt me is greater far than their power to anger me. X feel so near to you, to-night, my heart goes out towards you in love and thankfulness. X can not find words to express to you, my thoughts It emotions, this evening. Cod knows my thoughts and prayers for you, and mayhap, in some lonely hour, His Spirit may comfort you, by whispering in your ear, of them.

Every-thing goes on here about as usual, every day busy, and full of work. We are studying electro-plating in Chemistry, and practicing in the Laboratory plating keys, rings or any little articles we have. The first half-year closes in about two weeks, when we shall have to say good-bye to our Chemistry. We have made an elfort to secure two lectures a week from the Professor, for the rest of the year, which X think he will give us. X expect to go to Po'keepsic next Friday evening to hear Curtiss lecture. We had a very fine lecture, here, last week, from a Naturalist, who has recently returned from a trip through the valley of the Amason and across the Andes, on scientific investigations. His lecture comprised an account of a portion of his trip and of the general features of the country, particularising certain portions for more minute description. South America Is

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certainly a paradise for the Naturalist, for nowhere is Nature so gigantic and grand, or so lavish of verdure. We have been enjoying such glorious weather, the past two weeks. X never saw such beautiful clear days in January. They are splendid for Winter sports, aad the girls all are making the best of them, sleigh-riding, skating aad sliding down hill, vigorously and perseveringly, spite of bumps and bruises. I have done my share of skating, and sleighing, but have not yet participated in the "coasting." Our Society of Religious Inquiry, In the College, the object of which is to keep its members Informed as to the general state of Religion throughout the world, had a very interesting meeting last Sunday evening. A paper was read, containing various articles of interest, In regard to both home and foreign missionary work, and quite an interest was created In the College. Yes, my brother, we all can labor for Christ, we all have that glorious privilege, and my highest aim Is to work for and with Him, and my fervent prayer to God is that He will show me where I can do His service best. How little all our life seems, when compared with that great Eternity to which we are fast going. God grant that ours may be an Eternity of Peace, Joy and Love, with Him.

W rite to me soon again dear brother and believe me.

Your loving Sister,

Annie M. Glidden.

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