

Vassar Colleger June 4/69*

My dear Brother,

Tours of May 26th. came duly to hand and I was very glad Indeed to hear from you once more, although the letter was the barrier of such unwelcome news as that you should probably not come. I am very sorry, for I want you with me, and I want you to see the College. I want you to see my friends here* I want you to see Prof. Farrer and Prof. Backus. X know you would be very much pleased with them and Miss Fessenden and Susie W right • but, I suppose It is unavoidable. I am somewhat perplexed by your mention of some particular, unmentionable reasons why I should steer directly for Portsmouth, after Commencement. I am willing however to take such reasons on faith; but will only ask would not the purposes be equally answered If I came later in the summer? I find myself in quite an awkward situation in regard to the summer. I want to go to Milwaukee, to Portsmouth and am also desirous of visiting some of my College friends. If this latter is accomplished it must be in the first of the summer. Two of my friends who live in Delaware have Invited three of us from the College to visit them, Just after Commencement. They have had this planned for some time, and it seems too bad to disappoint them all* Then one of my best friends, to whom I have been promlofag a visit these two years, and had thought I would give it this summer, -Sh* lives In Auburn, N.T. and will be away from home the latter part of the summer, so if I visit her at all I must visit her not long after Commencement. I wanted too, if possible to go with June 4, 1869 - 2

George and Aunt Mary, for I don't think the little fellow would be happy without her, to some cooler region than Southern Ohio, during the hottest part of the summer. I had hoped perhaps they might come on here in June, and then we might go to New Hampshire or up here in the Catskills for a few weeks* I askec Carlos about it and he was to write me soon about it. Since that time, about a .month ago, I have not heard a word from him. I hope he will come on, any way. Now you see how perplexed I am about the summer, and if you can help me out any, I shall certainly be very much obliged. You and George and Carlos come first. I must visit you, whether I visit anyone else or not. X am 30 glad to hear that George is well, and I hope he may keep his good health during the summer.

X had not thought of making any great additions to my wardrobe. If I come directly home it will not be convenient for me to stop in New York. As for the riding, X am always ready for that, and X don't care how much spirit my horse has, if he isn't vicious. They keep excellent saddle-horses here, and I have ridden all of them X believe. Indeed, I enjoy my riding here exceedingly. There are so many beautiful roads around here. We are anticipating a good time tomorrow. A party of eight of us will go to Hyde Park, a little village about eight miles from Pokeepsie. We will start about five o'clock and return about eight to partake of a strawberry supper, which one of our number has provided. The road is very pleasant, shaded all the way by splendid, great trees on either side, with beautiful residences all along. June 4, 1869 - 3

and pretty pictures of broad valleys, across the river the Highlands and still farther off the Cat skills, blue in the distance and occasionally a gleam and flash of the river. Last Saturday night the German Department gave an

entertainment, all in German* There were scenes from dramas of Schiller and Faust, and from two comedies. I represented Queen Elizabeth in a scene from Schiller's Marie Stuart. Every one was very much pleased with the entertainment. But you must be tired of College news. I wish I could see you, and look at you and hear you talk. It would do me good. Do come if you possibly can.

Today is my birthday. Do you realize that I am twenty one? But I must bid you good-bye. Please write me soon again. I hope you are well and will continue so. You have my most earnest prayers and love.

Your Sister,

Annie.

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P.S. I sent you a Vassar Transcript ic invitation to Commencement &c. yesterday. The cards for Class Day have not yet come. I will send you one Enclosed find a programme of Commencement week.