

Vassar College

April 4, 1875.

Dear Cousin Ann,

We were delighted to get your letter a day or two ago.

I think it is very strange I do not hear from Aunt Helen. I wrote quite a while ago sending her my picture and she has not acknowledged it. Our vacation is most over, we begin to study again Thursday. We have had a very quiet but very pleasant rest. We have read "Our Mutual Friend" out loud, and we liked it very much.

Yesterday morning I went over the steward's department and since then it is a wonder to me that we have as good food as we do. Perhaps you would like to know a little of what it takes to feed four hundred girls. When we have beefsteak it takes 158 lbs. We drink 350 qts. of milk a day, and use when

2 barrels of flour. There are two bakers and we have rolls for breakfast they have to begin to bake them at midnight. We use 75 lbs. to 100 of butter a day, 7 or 8 bushels of potatoes a day. When we have eggs we take 1200. Aren't the pictures of the children splendid? Have you a cabinet sized one of Richie? I hope you have for they are so good.

In Mamma's last letter she told us to be ready for a telegram any day after the twentieth, for they are only going to stay a very short time in New York, and shall want us to come right down to see them. Isn't it splendid to think that we shall probably see them two months sooner than we expected to? We have had several spring days but to-day it is quite chilly.
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In Richie's last letter he said they had had but little confusion so far, and that he thought they would get off nicely.

With much love to Cousin Ellen, Cousin Adeline and yourself, X am
your loving,

Helen F. Banfield.

(Helen (Banfield) Jackson, '79,

To Ann Scholfield, Boston.