

Vassar College. Dec. 22. 1894.

My dear Mamma, -

Your letter came day before yesterday, and I have been thinking about it since. It was very nice of you to plan a little trip for me, but I am afraid you ought not to spare the money. I thought at first that I would not go at all, because I would much rather have you spend the money for something you want. But perhaps I ought to take the opportunity of seeing a little of New York while I have a chance. The girls here often stay at the Margaret Louisa Home, and four or five of them are going down there this vacation to stay a week, girls whom I know. Then Ellen Hailey, whom I like the best of any of the girls left, was asked to go along with them, but she did not want to stay so long, so she is willing to go with me at the same time the other girls go, but for us to come back after two or three days. So you see I can manage it all right about going- But I should be very happy here and have a very good time, and not be lonesome. So If you cant spare the money easily, please don't send it, and If you can be prevailed upon to spend it for yourself, please do it.

The girls are all gone who are going, and there are about fifty of us left, I guess, some of whom will be away for a few days at one time or another.

I would write more but I want this to go on the nine oclock mail. Is Mrs. Collins in New York, and what is her address?

Lovingly Adelaide [Claflin]