

Dear Papa,  
Vassar College  
Sept. 23, 1870

It is some time since I have written to you but we have been travelling about so much lately that I have not had time and Mamma and Carrie have written which will do as well. Now that I am settled however, I intend writing often. I presume you will be somewhat surprised to find that I am here. The entrance examination was very hard but I passed it very well except in History which study I shall have to review by myself and be reexamined in it before Christmas. They are so very thorough here and I have not studied for so long a time that I did not pass in either French or Algebra and have to go in the preparatory class, but the highest one which will entitle me to the Freshman another year if I come. I am not much discouraged for many who had expected to enter the Freshman or Sophomore classes have been put into the preparatory. The studies that have been assigned me are double Latin, that is two lessons a day. French and Algebra. It seems too bad that I have to take Algebra over again but when we once finish a study here we certainly know it. We left Carrie in Binghamton where she will stay for some weeks. Mamma came over here with me but left yesterday morning for New York. I think she will only remain there a few days and then go on to Conn, and prepare for going South. She is very much disappointed because she can not go home as soon as she had expected, but we saw in the papers there were 50 deaths of (Sept\* 23, 1870,-2

yellow fever a week end I presume it is growing worse.

We are required here to give "testimonials" from home\* I believe from the minister as to your character\*

You wrote that Mr\* Allen wished to call on us in Conn\* it will be too bad if he goes to Poquonock when none of us are there. Auntie has gone on to the centenary convention I believe in Boston. Mamma hoped to get back to P. in time to go with her but I think will not.

After this you will have to direct your letters to me to Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Give my love to all at home. I am afraid you will be disappointed because I am not coming home this fall but the year will not seem long I hope.

Your aff. daughter

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