

Vassar College.

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My dear Papa*

Another Sunday has come and this afternoon before service in Chapel commences I will write you. This morning a young lady and myself have been out hunting chestnuts. We did not have very good luck for X think X found only about a dozen. Sunday here is such a very gloomy day that we will do almost anything to make it pass quickly. There are a good many chestnut trees in the College grounds but among four hundred girls some are always ready to pick the nuts up as quickly as they fall. After taking a morning walk on Sunday I generally go in library and read until dinner which is at one o'clock. Then write and dress until chapel exercises. Is our church nearly finished? X should like so much to see it for it will be lovely when completed. President Raymond has preached here one Sunday and a minister from Poughkeepsie the other while I have been here but neither were at all interesting sermons. I hope this afternoon we will have something better.

In the evening we have a prayer meeting and as we have services in chapel directly after breakfast every morning I think we have sufficient religious instruction. Although in a short time we commence having bible classes on Sunday. The advantages here in some respects are not so very great. None of the preparatory classes have exercises in either reading or spelling, and none lower than the Freshman class write compositions. I am very glad I do not have to do the latter. But of course it would be
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very improving for me too; it is too bad we do not take reading lessons for I am very deficient in that respect and would like to make it up. I think I shall ask the Pres. to let me have a practice period every day although I do not expect to take music lessons, for if X do not touch the piano for a whole year I shall forget all I know about music. They charge a dollar a month for use of piano. Do you think it will be worth while? You wrote some time ago that you were having the stove room and bathroom made. Will they be finished by the time Mamma and Carrie return? They will be quite an addition to the house, making it so much more convenient.

The bell will ring for chapel in a few moments and I must close.

Accept lots of love and kisses

from your aff. daughter

Julie M. Pease

p.S. I have a favor to ask of you. Carrie is almost twenty years old and has a great desire to possess a watch. Will you give her one for a birthday present? If you do she would have to get it this fall before she goes home as she may not come North in a year or two again. Almost all girls her age now have watches and it would make her perfectly happy to receive such a present.

lovingly

Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, »75,