

Vassar College.

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Dear Carrie,

Your letter telling of Grandma's sickness gave me such a shock but you said she was better and until your last letter came X supposed she was almost well. How terrible it is J and she appeared so well when Mamma and I left Binghamton. I wish I were there to help there must be so much to be done and only Aunt Maria and you, for though Mrs. Reeve is visiting with Aunt and might assist I imagine from what I have seen of her she will not be of much service in sickness. It must make you rather homesick If you have time to think of anything and I wish I could enliven you but Sunday here is about my gloomiest day. I do hope that the next letter I get from you will say that Grandma is much better, for generally after such an attack the person gets entirely well. I wrote to Anna Towns end some time ago, for I wanted to hear from her, she always writes such nice letters and tells so much news. She answered promptly and is still in Mass. expecting soon to go down to Brooklyn, her Mother and family expected to leave Austin the first of Oct. come North, first to Kenosha, Wis. where you remember they have relations, then to Philadelphia where she will remain and place the children at school. Anna will go on to meet her there about the first of Nov. I am so sorry on your account that they are coming North to remain for two years, and it will make it much lonelier at home for you without them. And Judge Bell's family are already in Phil, left Austin in Sept. Lucy and Leah are attending college

school In Phil. Barclay goes to aabsal at Princeton. Judge and Mrs. Bell return home this fall, but Evelyn is not certain whether she will go with them or remain in P. for the winter. Carrie Norton had a letter from her Grandmother a few days since, asking if Grandma Pease was not coming to visit her before returning West. It was before I had heard of her sickness and I told Carrie that she would not come. She also wanted Mamma and you to visit her this fall and has been expecting us this summer as she had heard through Ida that we were coming. Shall I tell Carrie now of Gr* ndma's sickness ? She fears that she will have to return home next week, as she has had a chilly sensation every morning and the doctor thinks she may have a fever. She is now in the infirmary. I shall go and see her todsy and find whether it is necessary for her to go home. There is \

a great deal of sickness now though nothing serious, except the College doctress, Doc. Avery, who has been very sick indeed with slow fever, we did not at the time know how sick, but she has had her hair cut off and such splendid hair as she had! Every bed in the Infirmary is occupied which is quite an unusual thing here. I have dropped Algebra and taken drawing, the Prof, is a splendid man and I think I rhall get on pretty well although it seems hard now. He gives me so much more difficult pieces than I have ever drawn before. I forgot to tell you where to direct to Anna Townsend, she said she wanted to hear from you very much indeed and I hope when you find time you will write to her. The direction is to her at South W illiamstown, Mass. X have written a long letter and will now close with much love your sister Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, *75)