

Vassar College.

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My dear Papa,

In your letters you have said nothing about the "testimonials" which X wrote you about. We are required to have them, and although they have not asked me for them yet, they will expect them to be given soon. As X have never attended any school at home you will have to get them as to my character from the minister, and I presume the reason you have not sent them is because Mr. Rogers has not yet returned from his trip North. When he comes home will you get him to write something of the sort and send to me and my mind will be much eased upon that subject. Sometimes X think X would like to go through the course here, and then again I do not care to, but the last two years before graduating are not very hard, and a girl who has gone through the Sophomore class here is about as far advanced as one who has graduated at another school. I presume at almost any boarding school X could graduate in one year, and now I should have to come four years besides this. Indeed there are several young ladies in my classes who have graduated at High Schools before coming here.

I am so glad that you will give Carrie the watch, for X know the present will make her perfectly happy. As for myself, I have nothing to ask for as my expenses at school will be very great, and will be enough for one year. I thank you for asking me what I would like, but I do not care for any present now. Do you ever remember a Gov. Rollins of Missouri?

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He has a daughter at school here whom I know quite well, she is a very nice girl, but she would not be very sensible in your eyes, because she has a very small waist which shows that she either has or does now lace very tightly, I have a roommate Annie Johnson from Red Wing, Minn. She is a very smart girl and we get along very nicely together. Our parlor is very small and not particularly pleasant, but only we two have the parlor and bedroom together, which makes it very quiet and nice for studying. There are only two or three parlors in the building which are not occupied by four or five young ladies and we think ourselves very fortunate in having this one, although it is in the back part of the college and the window is up quite high. Does Mr. Rogers spell his name with a "d"? X am afraid I have written it wrong. Carrie wrote me that you had had blinds put on the windows on our house upstairs. It will be a great improvement making our rooms so much cooler. With very much love
your

daughter Julie M.P.

(Julia M. Pease, '75,