

Vassar College. Nov. 19, 1870. My dear Papa, Having a little spare time this afternoon, I think I can not spend it more profitably than by writing my "weekly" letter to you, and then I will have fewer letters to write tomorrow. One of my friends here thinks it is very wrong to write letters on Sunday and talks to me sometimes about doing so. I do not approve of the habit myself, but we have so little

time here that I have to do so almost every Sunday. And then writing to you is about the same as talking and I certainly should not refrain from talking. If I were with you, whether it was Sunday or not.

I was just here interrupted by the messenger girl who came to tell me that Mr. and Mrs. Epperson would like to see me and were then in the parlor. You can imagine the delight with which I went down to see them. Although I have never met the family except this fall at Mrs. Brown's in Brooklyn. I have always heard of them, and was glad to see them because they are Texans. They have two sons at school in Poughkeepsie and had come up to visit them. I think it very kind indeed for them to take the trouble to come out here to make me a call. Their daughter is the young lady I expected would be here when I came, but she was not certain that I was coming and did not like to come alone, and so they decided to place her at the Packer Institute in Brooklyn where she has been attending school, and boarding at Mrs. Brown's since the first of Sep. But she is not at all satisfied and they think now of sending her here next semester. I do hope they will do so, for it would be so pleasant for me to have someone from Texas here. Last night a lecture was delivered before the college by Benson Lawson Flossing? , The subject was chivalry, and we were all much pleased with the lecture. This is the first one of the season. I am told there will be three or four this winter. He told us the origin of the name "sirloin" applied to a certain part of the beef, and also that of the "order of the garter," both of which I had heard before, but still there was a great deal which was interesting in the lecture. Your letter containing your photograph has been received, for which I must thank you.

I have not heard from Mamma for over a week, but think her next will tell me when she can come to Poughkeepsie and how soon she thinks of returning home. Accept many goodnight kisses from your loving little Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, '75)