

Vassar College.

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Oear Papa,

I have just come from a most Interesting meeting of the "Students Association,<sup>1</sup>" and must tell you of the matters there discussed. The "Association" was organised by the students, (and sanctioned by the Faculty)\* for considering affairs of interest to them, and to this none but students are allowed to come. The Faculty have to be informed of know

the object of one of these meetings before we can have one, but they know nothing of what is done at them. Several years ago the students adopted a poor girl and have since been educating her at a very good school in this state. As she is far enough advanced to enter the College and gives promise of talent, some of the students thought it best to have her come here if the Faculty were willing, and so submitted the matter to them. Their answer was that they were not willing, and that hereafter we could do nothing for the girl, nor give charity in any organised manner. Of course we were surprised and a good deal provoked, for the sum each one pays for the education of Mary is only twenty five cents, and immediately asked for their reasons. The object of the meeting this evening, was the giving of these reasons by the President. He said that their reason was the objection our parents would make. The catalogue does not state there is any such charitable object to be aided by the students of Vassar College, and although we are not compelled to give anything towards it, of course those who do not, are regarded differently from the others.

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The plan of educating this little girl has been very dear to most of us and it is very hard to have to give it up. We can now do anything we wish for her separately, but it is only by uniting them that so small sums will be of any value. Other business was done in the meeting—the preparing of a programme for Founders Day, the twenty ninth of April. The one that has been decided upon is to have Henry Ward Beecher lecture to us if we can get him, otherwise we will have Prof. Raymond, who is a brother of the president, read to us and finish out our programme with music and two tableaux. Thursday night. Tonight there is to be a concert here under the direction of Prof. Bitter. Musicians are coming from New York and the two finest performers of the College, two teachers, are to play. It will be something very grand, we are told. Tomorrow at twelve o'clock our vacation begins. I can hardly wait for the time to come when I will be so free that I

will be able for a little while to have nothing to do; that the necessity of getting up in the morning and learning and reciting lessons. You know at home I have always done just about as I pleased and now it is very hard for me to be compelled to do a thing.

I intend to keep on drawing during the holidays but that is all the studying line which I shall do. I have finished a copy of the bust of Diana and have commenced one of Apollo. These are pictures which teach us to

draw and are not for ornaments. There is no beauty in them and I will never exhibit, so that now if you could take a look in my portfolio you would see

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there nothing very pretty or interesting—

One day last week we were astonished by a snowstorm\* The ground was well covered and it is only today that all traces of the snow have vanished\* The weather is so warm that we can now go out on the lake and so

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I have joined a boat club\* We have been out only twice\* and have not yet attempted rowing. My business is steering and I find I am kept pretty busy. Our Latin teacher is very often advising us to buy a "Diet, of Antiquities." What do you think of her advice? It would be a very useful book to have here and also at home, for I think we have none. I often think new that I did not appreciate our library at home. Very few families have so fine a one as we have. Last week I received four letters from home and on the same day. Yours written at Columbus and the others from Mamma and Carrie\* I wish I could choose the watch for Carrie's birthday present, but cannot as her birthday comes some time before school closes. Will you not get a charm to go with it? The fashionable ones are made long and go around the neck. Give my love to all and accept much yourself from your loving daughter

Julie.

(Julia M. Pease, '75)