

"Vassar"

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My dear Carrie,

Your letter has just come, and I was somewhat provoked at the length of it until X found out that it was not intentionally so short. I did not expect your letter today and so when my name was called I was too much astonished even to answer, and simply stood and stared. Last Sunday I wrote three letters and when through with them was so completely bereft of ideas that X put off writing my home letter until today, as this would be just a week since X wrote last. Tonight Dr. Avery is going to give the Seniors a party in her rooms. The trustees and teachers will be invited and X presumes it will be quite grand. We are much interested because our parlor is next to her room and we can have the benefit of the singing and playing. We also hope to get a taste of the "good things," for some of the waiters will bring us remnants. Dr. Avery believes in keeping early hours and X presumes she has suggested the site moon "Germany" which are becoming fashionable now in New York. Her party lasts from seven to ten.

Have you seen in the papers that we are to be honored by the presence among us of five Japanese princesses? Their coming has created a great excitement here. My roommate rushes in half a dozen times a day saying, "O, do you know, five Japanese princesses are coming." And the greatest pleasure we can give her is to tell of the latest news of their royal highnesses. It is now reported that they will be here next week, how Jan. 24, 1872 -2

True any of the story is we cannot tell. Several girls have said that they will not remain here if the Japanese come, for they consider them on a level with the negroes. For my part I wish one would be put in our parlor, as •

I would give an opportunity to learn their language. Last Friday night

• > • I. si I ' ((' for the first time in my life, I attended an Irish ball, but as a "looker on at the Vease," The servant girls here have a Society fee**called "Eo Nomine," which means I know not what. They gave this ball which was gotten up in

• ■ 1 • ; 1.1 •, i i i , '».(' i fine style. Printed programmes for the dances were as nice as any one could wish. There is one girl here who waited at a table at a boarding house at Saratoga last summer and excited the sympathy of all the boarders by saying that she worked out during the summer in order to pay her tuition here as a student the rest of the year. Her real position here is wait-lag on the table and making out washing bills. She indeed excites our anger because we do not wish people to think her a representative of Vassar College. She is president of the Society and on that eventful night was "I. ' (' ; ! • • . * I 4 . \ I ■ ' ' I I

floor manager. Some of the girls danced very well and all were dressed nicely* some in very good taste. They danced the Jig, which seemed to consist of each one trying to make his feet go the fastest, and to cut the funniest antics. There was no order or regularity about it but each danced on his own hook. After watching them until half past nine we left, having enjoyed the fun very much. One little girl really danced beautifully. She

daaced a fancy dance for as aad all seemed delighted at oar applause.

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Yesterday I received a letter from Jeanie Ladd. She appears to like her school very much. Have wrlttea te Grace Pike aad hope soon to hear from her* You do not tell me whether you went te Galveston with the excursionists s please write me all about it* I hope you can prevail upon Etita Kise to make a visit at Wood L*awa} yea weald both enjoy it. 8 you see or hear from her please remember me tt&her, although I was always of small accouat la her eyes* Heaps of love to all from Julie.
(Julia M. Pease, »7S,