

Vassar

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My dear Mamma,

Having just listened to a long and prosy talk from a Dr. Tyler of London, who has come over to the country to attend the Evangelical Alliance, I am so sleepy that I feel that bed is the best place for me. Yet having neglected today to write any letters and make some necessary calls, I must punish myself by sitting up until the last bell. Carrie's short letter is the only one I have received from home, and I am looking anxiously for another.

Today I took a long walk around the flower garden which is looking perfectly beautiful. It has not been at all injured by the few frosts we have had. I could not help thinking how happy you would be among the flowers, yet even here everything does not go smoothly. This is my fourth autumn at the College and it is the first when I have been able to find any beauty in the garden. And even now all has been attained by great labor! constant watering has been necessary here as well as at home all summer.

Yesterday while in town I thought I would [have] get the buttons for my brown dress, and no one was missing from my gray polonaise, it seemed best to get that sine, and only think, I went into every known store in Po'keepsle without finding any so large. Finally in despair I was for starting for the College when I saw a newly opened store, and believing firmly in the old saying that things turn up in most unexpected places, I went in, and was successful. Just so, is Po'keepsie in regard to everything. Austin possessed not only the large buttons, but the very sine I needed only I could not get at them.

President Raymond's daughter Minnie, who graduated last June, is to be married on Wednesday. The ceremony will be in Chapel so we all expect to go; some few favored ones will attend the reception afterwards. we hope the wedding will be the means of our having a holiday. As the performance comes off at four p.m. a hall holiday must be given at all events. The engagement has been a long one, ever since I came and I don't know how much before. Hoping every one is well, your loving daughter
Julie