Vassar. April 27. 1874. My dear Mamma,

After several days of cold weather it is again bright and warm, and with the change from gloom to sunlight, our spirits change from sad to cheerful.

Nothing is more depressing to me than a dark day, and I think other Vassarites think the same. We have been favored with another snowstorm, which we all devoutly hope is the last of the season. The fall must have been at least four inches deep, but has been very quickly dissipated by today's sun. with a number of wild flowers are now in blossom, bloodroot, hipatica, adder's-tongue, fee and they are hailed with the greatest joy by us as the first fruits of spring, while you are revelling in sunshine all the week through and roses in perfection - Wednesday is our Founders day, for which great preparations are being made. Fannie Buffington's brother is coming with two friends, and we are quite looking forward to the evening. I received a letter from Aunt Maria a few days since. She was quite busy preparing far a Reception which Uncle was going to give, and at the same time she was packing to return to Binghamton. She had just heard from Aunt Carrie, who has made her plans to come East in August. Uncle says she shall expect quite a visit from yau and Carrie in the summer, ii letter from Aunt Juliet also came a day or so ago. Kittie is teaching in a High School in Chelsea, and still stays with the moors. Her eyes are better, but not yet very strong. Uncle Life grows no better. Aunt Julia mentions that she has heard from none of you recently.

My dress is finished and looks very nicely. I will send you a sample, for it is not the same, as the sample I sent you before. I like the color better than the other and the price was two dollars instead of two and a half

Must close now, in haste. Lovingly, Julie M. P.