

Vassar

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My dear Mamma,

This has been as warm a day as summer could boast. Indeed the weather today has been the constant subject of conversation. AND this afternoon dressing sacks have been all the fashion. It seems very strange to have such weather, and scarcely a leaf on the trees.

Last night our class gave a Dramatic Sociable in which I took part. The play was a little one which our class had translated into German. I send you the little story in English. My part was that of Jacob, and the girls say I did very nicely. After the play we had two German tableaux, which were very good indeed. Have I ever written you that Lillie Lewis one of my classmates, wants me to visit her this summer after our Geological trip. Bird Bell is to be there at the same time. Lillie lives by Lake Champlain, in Vermont, and perhaps our party will go in that direction. What time do you expect to come on? I would like to know in order to know whether I shall make this visit. Our Commencement is the twenty fourth of June, then our trip will take about a week, making it the first of July, and a week with Lillie brings it the ninth or tenth - If you can come on earlier, please write me, for I want to meet you either in New York, or at any rate in Windsor. The vacation is all too short, if I am with you every moment.

Papa writes that you are thinking of making changes in back part of our house. I do not like the plan very much. It will make the dining room very unpleasant as it will be dark, having only two windows, whose blinds we have to keep closed all summer. Indeed, the only thing which makes that room pleasant is the North door - Then in our climate the kitchen should be as far as possible from the house, and this would make both dining room and hall unpleasant. But as you have always desired this change I suppose it will be made, if so please don't forget the bathroom Papa promised us on the present upper gallery. You know neither Carrie nor I am fond of living in the country and when Carrie married and moves away it will be very dismal for us away out from town and I prefer that you shall not put any unnecessary expense in the place in hopes we can move nearer town, The bell will ring in a moment so goodnight,
Julie