

Vassar. May 17. 1874. My dear Mamma, Laziness, for I know of no better reason to assign, prevented my doing more than date this letter yesterday. Tonight however I will take sufficient time to write a few times, else I presume you will be anxious about me. Your letters were received as usual on Saturday evening. I did not know you were such a stickler for fashion as you say you are in regard to letter paper - The style of yours quite amused me. Really. The College is so dull now, and we are all so dull that I dread to think of putting pen to paper, there is almost nothing to write - The only news about the place is the arrival of a police officer to guard the grounds, owing to the frequent inroads of strange man. No harm has been done by them, but great is our anxiety whenever we meet a pair of pants; and as both last year and this, money has been stolen, as well as other articles, there is need for some caution. at a time, and when absent from my room for a great space of time lock my door. Now that polonaises are the fashion the Seniors who are excused from Gymnastics make their suits into quite stylish over garments. It is astonishing how nicely they look after four years hard service, and we Juniors are only wishing that redingotes will not have gone by when we are ready to turn our's to a more graceful account.

It is the custom for the Juniors to give the Seniors a party, so we are now agitating the question as to what we shall do in that time. For a novelty, we propose taking a moonlight excursion down the river. The expense will not be so great as a party in the building, and that to us who are not a wealthy class is quite an item, and then, as many do not dance, this excursion is more tempting. The President and Miss Terry are much pleased with the plan, but the former says that he cannot take upon his own head the risk of so many others, and desires us to obtain permission from home, so I now ask for it - It seems mere nonsense for me to do so, after all the trips I have taken and the number of times I have been on the waters but I suppose the form is necessary - Please excuse these half sheets of paper, and this small piece especially, but this seems to be all my desk contains at present, with the exception of composition notes.

I had almost forgotten to ask you if the Lewensens have gone to Europe this spring, Greta has never answered my letter written last winter, so I never hear anything from them, unless indirectly. Josie Buffington told me when here, that Eric had left Trinity and expected to start for Europe shortly after leaving - Please remember me to all the servants, I am so sorry to hear that Emily grows feeble, and retain a large share for the remainder of the household Your far away daughter.