

J.M. Pease
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My dear Mamma,

Your splendid long letter with one from Carrie was received a day or so ago with the greatest joy. It was a surprise to have two from you in one week, and one which I wish would happen often. Just now our minds are so full of the party given the [?] that I can scarcely write of anything else. Yesterday we had supper at five o'clock and left here in time to reach the ward before seven. The boat, the May Powell, the greatest o the river has just put on its new spring apparel of fresh paint [?], and we were the first to use it in this condition. The weather was perfect, not a cloud in the sky the whole day, and the moon was nearly full. Pres. Raymond remarked that "the weather found not have been better if made to order." Then everyone went with the intention of enjoying herself to the utmost, as I think each did. President R. went with us as far as West Point where we put him off and then returned. Miss Lucy was amiable, and did [?] or say anything to ruin our pleasure, which is [?] with her. All our Professors went except Profs. Frauan and Ritter, who were unfortunately not able to go. Over a hundred in all we were, just enough to make the boat seem cheerful without being crowded. Music and a [?] filled up the spaces between scenery gazing.

Altogether the Junior class feels quite content with itself, and its undertaking. Compliments were received upon it from all sides. It is really quite a favorite with the teachers it is called smart, good, original, everything but handsome. We are indeed a homely set. Like well brought up children we returned on good reason at eleven o'clock arriving at the College. [?] one says the only fault to be found was its shortness which in indeed a good one.

I am much disappoint to find that you and Carrie are coming on so late in July for I fear you will add the days at the end of the summer where I shall not be with you.

Our geology supplies Prof. Uston says it will cost us less than twenty dollars, do you think that will be too much? There are always so many little things which take off money and next year expenses are quite larger.

The Professors have kindly excused us from reciting this morning, so we have only to go to classes and they will lecture. It is well as I am exceedingly sleepy and would not study much.

Lovingly,
Julie