

Vassar.
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Dear Mamma,

Your letter with Papa's brought Joy to my heart, Saturday afternoon. It has become so customary a thing to expect your letters then, that as you say, I should be greatly disappointed did they not come. I suppose it is the same with you if mine do not arrive at the expected time, and so I generally try to send off some sort of a scribble, although my constitutional negligence is prone to prevent it -

Received a short letter from Sarah Pease a few days ago. Enclosed was her photograph, which I find very good-looking, and she says is considered quite like her. She mentioned that her father and mother were away at some fair, I think it was, and John was also away, so they were rather lonely - Not a word was said about Aunt Carrie, nor Aunt Maria, so I do not know whether they are gone yet to their respective homes -

Please tell Carrie that Sarah says she has been owing her a letter for a year or thereabout, and hopes seen to receive an answer -

I enjoyed Bayard Taylor's lecture the other evening extremely. It was upon ancient Egypt, about which he ought to know a good deal, having been there so frequently - He told us something of the ancient customs, language etc, and all with a pleasant manner and voice -

Last Thursday a little girl from Texas arrived at the College. She has passed successfully the preparatory examinations, but will try no others, - and rather timid. Her mother is now in Po'keepsie, but leaves in a day or so. The family live in Galveston now, but were formerly in the country near Houston. The name is Allen, and I wish Papa would write me what he knows about the family, for they are an old Texan family I think. I am always so glad to hear of any Texans coming here. Through one of the girls here, I find that one of the Moore girls from Austin thought of coming here this year, but as she has not arrived, I suppose she gave up the plan.

With much love,
Your daughter,
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