

Vassar College

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Dear Mamma,

The girls are all talking, and I can scarcely connect Ideas enough to write you a short letter tonight, but Monday is always such a busy day that I know there would be no time for writing.

This week we have examinations, and next begins the new semester, much to our joy. It will be a comfort to begin something new, and perhaps our work will not be so hard. Yesterday morning James Field of the firm Ticknor and Field lectured to us on Longfellow. He is a pleasant speaker, an enthusiast on his subject, and quite a wit: such a combination could not fail to give us a lecture both entertaining and instructive -

On Washington's birthday there is to be a grand reception given in the evening to celebrate the opening of the Museum and Art Gallery. The whole entertainment is to be conducted in the Gymnasium building in which are these new rooms. Notables from various parts of the country are to be invited, some of whom it is hoped will come. None of the students are to be invited, unless perhaps the Sealers, and very likely even they will not be favored. It seems too bad that we cannot enjoy the sight of a few of these great people, among whom are Whittier and Curtis -

Please tell Carrie that the brown silk for her dress was bought at Brown and Thompsons, Hartford - I hope she can procure more of it

The bell has rung and I should be in my little bed -

Goodnight - Julie