Vassar College April 14./66 Sunday morning My Dear Sister I have been thinking of you all this morning and have imagined you busy eating breakfast and preparing to go to Sabbath School I am very glad that there is to be a reformation in the school but it will be so funny to have any one else but Uncle Abaer still I think that he has had the task long enough and that it is perfectly right for some one younger to relieve him I do not doubt Mamie but what thee will do everything in thy power to increase the interest of the school has Mother the same class I wish that we had mere scholars Maria Booth just came in for me to look out of her window and see a young man one of the girls' brother he came to take her to ride do not think I am getting depraved but he had a splendid horse and buggy and the morning is perfectly lovely so altogether it was enough to make me wish that I could go to ride too I am afraid that I shall forget how to behave in a carriage

Yesterday morning Prof Tenney invited his class to go walking and get some spring flowers they do not have the trailing arbutus here but we found a pretty little flower called the Hypatia I will send you a sample the grass is quite green and our out door duty will soon become a pleasure I think When are these contrabands coming and they do belong inside of the house or outside, inside I hope though I am afraid they will occasion mother some trouble at first I think the death of the Atwill brothers very sad did you see the notice of their death in the Fall River paper taken from one of the Boston papers

I am very glad to hear that C. Read is recovering our love to them

It is really pitiable to think people will trouble you with so many questions but I suppose it can't be helped you might make up a short sentence that would answer for every one never mind only eleve weeks more We received the two dollars I thought I had acknowledged the receipt of It before The last time we were in town as we knew that we should not be allowed to go in again very soon we thought best to see about our spring hats we were

intending to have our turbans whitened and pressed but found that it would cost us as much as new ones so we bought a simple white straw hats with a band of black velvet them they cost \$3 1/2 apiece. Laura has one of the same style we did not buy anything else but little things which we had to have but they always count up we bought some tooth brushes, belts, collars, pins, nets, soap, shoe strings and a dollar for our dinners. When is Mother going to Boston and what are you going to have new this spring. When Is Mary Shove coming back this week I suppose. I should judge that the house cleaning was progressing very rapidly I hope you will not press it so hard that you will get sick.

Mary Rodman has not written us since we have been here Give our love down to the next house is Aunt Emeline stronger this spring Our best love to Father and Mother your loving sister

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