

Vassar May 13th 1866

Sunday morning

My Dear Sister

I suppose it will not do to say little or any such diminutive epithets any more It is too bad to think we haven't any little sister but we shouldn't like you to be so always so we might as well get used to it Yesterday was very warm and we concluded we would have a change from the usual programme so we took some of those cookies bread and butter and some lemons and went quite a little distance from the college and took dinner we returned about two and were just beginning to dress when we were sent for to go to the parlor we hurried down as soon as it was possible It was Joseph Collins & wife they came to take us out riding and wanted us to stay all night with them we told them we could not very well we went to ride and then they persuaded us to stop to their house to tea I thought last winter when we were there that they had a very nice place but it is perfectly charming there now I wish you could ride round some the pleasant drives I have read a great deal about the Hudson Highlands but now I have seen them and I never saw anything so grand we just had time to play one game of croquet the first I have played this year they have a very nice ground they insisted on our coming some Saturday and stay over Sunday it is very pleasant to go still I tried to refuse as I did not really like to go the second time but they would not let us refuse Mr Collins said he could not let us go home without taking us to Mr Vassar's place so I suppose we shall go sometime they say it is no trouble and I do not think it seems to be us they have two servants write me what Mother says about It. It has been Quarterly Meeting

in New Poughkeepsie this week they
said that it was very large and interesting
Mr Mitchell wanted us to go in with
him but we were afraid Miss Lyman
would make a fuss if we asked her
I suppose we shall have to have
something to wear when we come
home and it will be best to engage
Mary Buffinton and then we will
have no trouble; Mary I fully concur
with you in hoping those swarthy
skinned individuals will be first-class
help it is so long since we have had
any steady help. Mary Shove wrote
that it was Bible Class today where
is it to be

I suppose all those new dresses
are being made in anticipation of
an annual occasion that comes
about the middle of June I wonder
If any one will miss these children
I am afraid if we were there that
the younger Miss Slade would put
the elders in the shade what kind
of a hat are you to have this summer
Tell Mother she need not have feared
about our being made sick by the
contents of that box it is was splendid
I was very glad to hear Aunt Sarah
was better our particular love to them
all. Only six more Sundays and then-
time passes more rapidly now we are
very busy it hardly seems as if we had
a spare minute from Sunday till
Saturday gymnastics takes another hour
With much love to father mother
I remain thy loving sister
Carrie
(Caroline E. Slade)