

Vassar College N.Y.

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My Dear Sister,

"I took my pen in hand, and sat down to write you a letter with a lead-pencil" last Sunday, but I felt so horridly, that I thought I wouldn't! Today is a day of prayer for colleges; consequently we all have a holiday. It is a perfectly charming day, It is just like Spring.

We hadn't much of a celebration of Washington's birthday, except that Miss Lyman told us in the morning that George Washington was a gentleman.' by some unaccountable freak of memory, she forgot to tell us about the cherry tree! We did not even have any-thing extra for dinners; scandalous, don't you think so? Kittle Reber's mother hasn't come yet I think it is so funny that she don't hear from her.

I received a short note from Aunty last Saturday. She said that she was just about starting into Philadelphia with Mrs. E. Cooke, and they were expecting to stay with Mr. Moorhead a week. I suppose you know that she is coming here to stay with me a while after she gets through with her visit there.

We had quite an interesting lecture last week by Prof. Silliman of Yale. His subject was the Yosemite valley. He gave us a great many representations of the scenery, upon canvas, by the aid of the magic lantern. But his lantern was not a very good one and went out several times at very interesting parts of the speech. The prof, said that it was very tired and had gone to bed.

Last Sunday, Mr. Fletcher,
a South American missionary,
preached to us upon the sub-
ject of Spain. He took his text
from Romans. He gave
us a great many interesting facts,
and was highly entertaining.
One thing which very much
surprised me was that Queen
Isabella was not a bad wo-
man at all that the only
wicked thing she ever did
was to persecute the Christiana.
Dr. Raymond Shakespeare to us Monday night. I mean
Hamlet. I have told you before
what how magnificently he
reads Shakespeare.
Sallie Camp received a
gay old box yeaterday from a
cousin Sarah Steele (?) of hers
in Buffalo, and a Sallie Rip-
ly brought up any amount
of candy and good things,
we are having a feasting time.
Sallie always has something good.
You made some reference
in your letter to your Quaker
ancestry, won't you just please
trace that ancestry for I did
not know that I had descended
from Quakers.
Have you heard any-
thing from Aunty in regard
to that house. Wouldn't
it be splendid if she could bye
it.' It is in such a splendid neighborhood.
I wonder where the Gale'a are going, but I
must stop, for it is getting late.
You will write reel soon won't you?
Your loving soeur,
Sallie.