Vassar College N.Y. Sept. 23rd. 1869. Dear Allie, Your letter was received this morning, and as I have nothing else to do I guess that I will write to you today. What little geese we were not to think that Bessie would have to change cars at Cleveland. The train standing there when you went away, was the only to Buffalo. I will not say anything about our journey as I take it for granted that you have seen Aunty's letters. I was guite afraid for a while that I had lost my trunks, with the three hundred dollar check and all. We were geese enough after we got into Poughkeepsie to give out checks to a boy, that we knew nothing about, who promised to deliver them immediately. We got in at one o'clock, and did not get our trunks until seven; so you may imagine that we were a little surprised. Eva Gross came night before last; she came through with Kate Brown and a Mr. Bliss that her father had introduced to her. She said Bliss allowed them to go out and re-check their own baggage fcc, fcc, fcc while he went and got a comfortable din--din! Eva wrote her mother that she could travel alone better with patience than with bliss. How does the compromise between "the boats" get along you said nothing about it. We have the funniest parlor-mate in here. She is a new scholar by the name of Skillings from Boston. She wears a pink dress a great deal with dark blue ribbons and does a great many other original things A propos speaking of dress, Nearly every new girl here has some kind of a

flannel sack, trimmed by putting a piece of the same about two inches wide and pinked on both sides, around the sack, then a narrower piece of white pinked in the same way, and lastly another piece of the same. They are really very pretty, but fearfully common. My room-mate is a Miss Alice Birney from Bay City, Mich. She is a sweet little thing, I say little because she is little not because she is new. She promised to give me a photo, which I will send you, and then you can see for yourself. She is going to have them taken at Sarony's so of course they will be good. By the way how did you like my pictures, I wish you would send me two or three by mall. I haven't heard anything from [Sallie]. There is the bell Goodbye Sallie