

Vassar College -

Oct 11th 1865.

My dear father,

I received your very welcome letter and also the money which was very acceptable indeed- I had begun to think you had forgotten my existence at home I had not received a letter in so long a time. I will try and not send for any more money in a long time but if Mother and James do not answer my letters I will not answer theirs very soon, and Henry must write to me first for I have a long list against him of unanswered letters.

It is very pleasant indeed

here and I like the School more and more. Two more girls from Miss Kelley's School came here yesterday, the Osborn girls and there are now eleven girls who attended that School.

We have not had many rules made yet so we can have about as much liberty about the grounds as we wish-

Rev. Thomas K. Bircher of Elmira is going to preach in the College Chapel next Sunday- President Raymond usually preaches and we

like him very well- I have become a little acquainted with Emma Helmer cousin Henrietta's "daughter" and like her appearance very much - We have a very fine french teacher here Professor Knapp- We use his grammar and reading book- He was professor of languages in Madison University New York-

I am so glad that the house is getting on well and that you are having gas put in. I wish I could see it. You must write me all about the arrangements very particularly and how it looks. Have you had the Balustrade made yet?

I am writing under difficulties- There are some girls in our room and they are talking with all their might so I get somewhat confused in my sentences.

I hope you will write soon for my correspondence this year is rather limited on account of the rules here.

It is very late now and I must close and if I have not written a long letter I have made the most of my space - I will write just as often as I receive any- Is Henry going to go to Albany or not. And is he going to come this way this fall? Please write soon and tell all the others to write to me.

Your affectionate
daughter Ella.

P.S. Don't forget the postage stamps in the next letter.