

Vassar College  
Sat. March 17th 1866-

My dear Mother

I received your letter several days ago but have been unable to answer it until [sic] now.

I was so disappointed because Henry did not come yesterday and I do not see how I shall endure it if he does not come to-day - I can go much easier next week than I could any other time and it will be too bad if he does not come. Clara Spaulding and Libbie Anderson have gone to Poughkeepsie to spend the day and I am left with Mollie Woodruff alone. I have almost given up hopes of Henry's coming for the Omnibus has come and gone in which I expected he would come. I am almost homesick and cannot study or do anything.

I feel very well so I have not taken the powders for I have to go out walking every day and could not get excused. Mr Corning preached for us last Sabbath. We all enjoyed it very much. He is a very "free and easy" sort of a man. They say he tries to ape the Beechers, and he has a good many enemies in Poughkeepsie. I cant hardly write for the disappointment, I was so sure Henry would come and we have review next week in Trigonometry so I would not lose anything in that. When you will both come so near together it will hardly pay to come back again before you come.

There is no news here but what I have told James and I cannot think of any more to write so with much love I am your affectionate daughter Helen -

P.S. When you come to N.Y. wont you please bring the green silk that is left of my dress I want to put a band on the neck and another breadth in the skirt for it is too narrow to wear with the large hoops they are wearing. It always was narrow. And dont forget to bring the pattern for the outside of the fan waist or full waist to make my calico waist-

Your affectionate  
daughter Helen