

Vassar College

Poughkeepsie N.Y. April 7th/66.

My dear dear Mother;

I am writing what I can before dinner, even though It may be but little. How much I wish that you would come and spend the day with us or better still that we could do it with you. I knew of no news to write that Mattie has not told you already. How much sewing you have done lately. I hope there was enough of that silk to do some good. I wish very much that I could see that skirt. I suppose I shall next summer. To think Sara is to be married in a little more than a week. I am very glad you got that card case. I think it is a very pretty present. Have you any idea when father is to be at home. I hope he will be there before Sara's wedding. There is to be a celebration on the 30th, being Mr. Vassar's birthday. The whole Board of Trustees are to be invited all the ministers of Poughkeepsie and some of Mr Vassar's friends. They are to have a dinner lc exercises in the evening. The trouble in inviting people Is to find a place for tables for them all in the Dining hall. I hope that it will be very pleasant. After dinner there is to be a reception in the parlors. The exercises are to be musical lc literary. The literary part has not been fully arranged as yet. They (the committee) are to meet again this afternoon. It will be a very pleasant thing for Mr. Vassar I think lc I doubt very much if he ever sees another birthday after this one. He is quite feeble. There has a men Just left Kalamazoo College between \$30,000, and \$50,000 dollars. I am very glad. Dr Cuahman could not talk at all for some time before his death It the last part of the time was so paralysed that he could not write. I had a letter from one of the yesterday girls In Kal. fc she told me about it. The College there is prospering finely there are over one hundred fc fifty students there now. We are out of money again, fc If Father has returned will you please to ask him to send us \$25.00 which will last until we are ready to go home I think. I think that we have been pretty economical. Father estimated that our expenses would be \$500.00 a piece fc counting fares both way I don't expect they will be more than \$450.00 Is Willie well? I hope he has had a pleasant vacation. Love to him and all the rest. Dinner bell is ringing. Good bye
Your ever loving
Hattie