

Vassar College

Sept. 12, 1866.

Dear Mother;

Safely & fairly seated  
at our old table in No.23 it  
seems very natural to be writ-  
ing to you. We had a very  
pleasant, but rather wearying  
journey here. I did not & do  
not feel very tired, but the rest  
are about worn out. The  
girls except Helen who went  
right to bed - were at once ex-  
amined in the primary English  
studies and [I think] all  
passed except the youngest  
Hawley girl. I think the older  
one will stay without her.  
I devoted myself to them  
until they were settled being  
examined and then took Mrs. Hawley, Mr. King, Hanna,  
& Stuart over the building (I  
shall take them to the Observ-  
atory tomorrow) and then went  
to find Prof. Knapp. I found  
[Mattie] & Minnie with him- who  
I had not seen for about three  
hours they having gone directly  
to the college, -Prof. Knapp has  
take a small recitation room  
for a library- It is very pleas-  
ant- Mrs. Knapp has been very  
sick or they would have made  
a western tour & [stopped] in D.  
We girls all feel tolerably  
tired and I must unpack  
as far as a nightdress & some  
soap- Helen says "give my  
love to them & tell them I  
am alive-" In spite of her  
flannel skirt, I add.  
I hope that you are getting  
rested & that Uncle & Aunt Safford will not come until  
tomorrow. We kept our  
own car all through Canada  
to our selves. They telegraphed  
for births [sp: berths?] for us all but could  
not obtain them for all, and  
Mattie, Mrs. Hawley & youngest  
daughter and I glad took seat

in an ordinary car - and were the  
only persons I have heard of  
who slept well- The girls  
began to get up & leave the  
sleeping car in disgust by four  
[oc]. this morning.

Prof. Tenney and family  
have not yet come yet. I hope  
they will be here tomorrow.

I must go to bed.

All the girls send love-  
Good night-  
Hattie-

Love to all the Uncles & Aunts  
& Cousins  
you  
Mattie has not her net & wants-  
to send her as soon as possible  
in a letter-