

Vassar College Sept. 27th

Dear Will:

I was very much, pleased to hear from you so soon.

I dont wonder the condition of affairs reminded you of the woman and the cabbages. I wish that this company would not come so many at once: but I suppose Mother was glad to see them all.

I would have written you before If I could have found any thing to say worth saying. I'm having nothing of Mettle's faculty of making a long and very amusing story out of very little, am often puzzled in that way - one day is so much like another here.

Will you excuse this blot, please

I am prospering very well in my boating. I went out this morning alone unshipped the rudder and succeeded in moving the boat very well. It is a pretty heavy boat however for one person to row. Hattie has three lessons now Mattie two while I have nothing but my Latin. I am in hopes however that Geology will commence tomorrow. I would like to take a ramble with you over these hills and fields.

The woods are beautiful. I wish I knew how to paint autumn leaves some of them are so beautiful that I long to preserve them.

Do they keep you very busy at the store? What are you doing with yourself generally? I know you must be lonely without us all moancher- I fancy that you may miss even me a little: but never mind the longest lane turns at last, and this year wont be so very long after all. It seemed to me almost immeasurable before I left home but now when I see all that I want to do in it it seems only too short.

Have you had any peaches yet to speak of? . We have not seen one In this benighted region and dont expect to. To tell the plain truth our fare Is not luxurious. I fear you would not enjoy it at all. It is healthy however which is something of a consolation. I made an investment in some apples at the store room the other day: but I dont think I shall do so again for some time. They would have answered admirably for cannon balls but were not so desirable for eating. We do not go to the store room ourselves but send an order with the endorsement of our corridor teacher upon It, and a small child brings us the article whatever it may be.

I feel that my talent for letter writing has not developed in my absence - I would not send you this unhappy looking and sounding document if I thought there was any reasonable hope of my writing a better one. Make the best of it please-

Your aff. sister Helen-