

Vassar [?]

My darling Mother,

Here we are safe and sound

Mattie unpacking her trunk, Minnie arranging
the books on the what not, my things lying
around promiscuously and my self writing
you. We got her in the finest sleigh imaginable.
No one could have been kinder than [?]

[?] and Bessie was very pleasant and agree-
ably disappointed me. She expressed her pleas-
ure several times at having us with her, told
us to call her Bessie. I felt as though I had
known her all my life. We did not have to
change cars except at Niagara where we found
very fine fine cars. Hattie and Miss. Bell had
one bench. Mr [?] ones and Bessie and [?]

When we reached Pokeepsie (fashionable appalling here)

one of the railway officials conducted us to the rails

[?]. He went so fast that we lost sight of her. Mr. Clellan alrother and so had no
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portunity to thank her, we both felt very much
mortified about it and wish you would ask
father to thank him for us. He was just asking
if any one could be. We rode up in the omnibus
which was jammed with girls and their Father
and Mothers I wished. I was any when else
in the world. I don't think I even dreaded any
thing quite as much as I did that. We got with
in sight of the building and it looked just like
the lectures we drove thro the lodge up to the door

and alighted there we watched to see what other
people did. and as they all posted up to the front
door we posted after them. there we stood [?]

and solitary when a very handsome young gentle
man with light hair said to us "have you seen
Miss Lyman?" We signified that we hadn't but
desire to do so. He inquired if our Father was with
us. Hattie said no but we had a letter to her. he
seized it inquired our names and dragged us in
to the reception room, which was packed full of
ladies and gentlemen in the midst of which

stood a tall lady in [?] white lace [?] with kink rodes, and almost white curls to
whom

every one was talking and who seemed to be the
center of attraction generally. the gentleman (Mr.
Terry as we have since learned) introduced us to
her and handed her the letter she shook hands
with us and write out waiting to say "how do you
you do or anything she exclaimed "do you know

that your mother was a class mate of mine, we were the same age. I am delighted to have her daughters under my charge" - I do not remmed beer ever feeling so relieved and refreshed by a few words in my life. She then put us in charge of Prof. Henry who conducted us down stairs and put us into the Prof. Buckham can who look down our manner and sent us into a room to wait until our turn came to go into the clark and pay our bills & get our keys. we waited an almost [?] amount of time before our turn came when Hattie attended to the many mat ters and came back and we sailed up stairs when we were met by a lady teacher who conducted us to our room. just as we almost reached it some one came rushing out an adjoining room and there was [?] me. She said she had been waiting for us all day and was greatly disappointed at not having [?] us to our room or anything. We took off our things and I found that I was nearly dead. Hattie was not quite so much exhausted as I, but pretty nearly. We started out to look at the house a little when Minnie introduced us to Miss Gilbert. She was very glad to see us but we none of us fell in love with her. We went into the art gallery which is beautiful and into the chapel which is very pleasant, and then the dinner bell rang. I felt to tired to eat and so went back to our room which is just as perfect as we could ask it is in the south wing the back room. our parlor is about as large as our room not quite. but plenty large for our pur pose. the furniture is a [?][?] Hattie says she has told father about it. We are all charmed Yesterday after the frills came up from dinner Minnie thought I would settle better if I had a cup of tea. She went to M[?] Fowler (the house keeper) and she very kindly sent us up a pitcher of tea. two cups and saucers a pitcher of beautiful cream & [?] [?] brought us some bread & butter & felt very much better after it & I dressed for tea but got belated and didn't go down. Our bed room floors are oiled and uncapped except a rug your loving daughter

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in front of the bed. I am delighted write every [?] [?]
I am just going to say a word
to Jon this time. We
going to be very happy
hire I know. I do so want to see you all
I want you to see the
building & everything here

very much, Give my love to [?] tell
her I will write
very soon.

Minnie is asleep
Mattie telling me to
hurry. Good by my
dear darling Mother
Hattie

give us a great deal of
love to Helen & Willies father Prof. [?]
says that we must go on
work tomorrow. We say
his examinations are not
going

to [?] difficult but after you are in a class you must do your best and [?] your
place perfectly or we will go down with out mercy. Love to Dara and the rest for
you- I do hope you are better-