

Vassar Oct [?]

My darling dear mother,
What business have
you to go home before you got my letter, which I
sent to Kalamazoo? I hope Uncle Safford
will not take the trouble to send it to Detroit.
I can't say that it was a classical production.
I am mad enough tat aunt Mary Frances to
[?] her up and despatching her to Belancy Bay.
So seldom as Aunt Safford attempts to go any
where too! How many weeks is she expecting to
remain? I am so glad you had Miss Weed
stay at our house: it must have given you a great
deal of please to se her. There is a teacher
here Miss Wiley who looks some like Mrs.
Kindab. Did you have a pleasant wine
there? How did her hopeful children behave
Did Mrs. Dr. Barrett go to our house with the
rest of the family? Have a doubt of it. Do tell us something about Mary Calburn. how
she is, and what the baby's name is. I think
I shall invite them to call it Martha Spooner
I had a very nice letterfrom Carrie yester-
day. Nellie is owing me a letter, but I shan't
expect one till house cleaning it over. Please tell
Willie that I watch the mail every day in
hopes of seeing his handwriting. Minnie had
a letter from Hattie today. She says that Father has reported Minnie's cold, she is
quite
over it now. The letter was very interesting told
all about Mayor Duncan's wedding and Mr.
Johnsons funeral. I wish you would please
send us papers occasionally. I had no idea
I should miss them so much. Minnie, Hattie
and I started out yesterday afternoon at five
o'clock, and made four calls before tea.
One was on Miss Leland fourth floor, a fat
little thing who looks like and appears
very much like Emma Kellogg. I like her
even as much. We fixed her gas with a hair
pin to make it burn better. Our next call
was on the second floor, at Miss Dibble's She was nice enough, but her room mate
Miss Rhoades was even so much nicer. She
is the smartest girl in our Latin class. I
should judge, from present appearances.
Then we went to see Miss Bechwith on the
first floor. She was not at home so we pro-
ceeded to Miss Usher's where we stayed till
supper. I like her very much indeed. After
tea and chapel Prof. Farrar met us in the

Chemistry room to see about Chemistry. Then we came home and studied a little while till Miss Johnson and Lizzie Cramer came in. We had just the jolliest time possible. We always do when they are here. Lizzie is going to study Geology. I want to even so much but Hattie would let me, and Miss Gilbert says that you lose much more than you [?] by trying to do too much. Consequently I have submitted with as good grace as possible. We have been seated alphabetically in chapel. Minnie of course is at one [?] and we at the other. We have this advantage however we can watch Miss Lyman and see how she behave in chapel. Also we can see any visitors, who by hook or crook are in at chapel which is a great privilege. I have there by seen three coat wearing animals whom I otherwise should never have known existed. Mother I do wish you could see Madam. she is so silly Saturday she took several of the girls down town and they to get on the good side of her, flattened till she was half crazy with pleasure. The poor woman actually bought herself a light blue [?] (she is fully forty three) and took it to the dress makers. she is told then to make it any two or three inches in front. "Oh no" the dress maker said "not in front" "yes indeed I walkways hold up my dress so" she does make the most ridiculous appearance of any on I ever saw. I do want to see you ever so much. I hope you will make your appearance before long. Do please send me a piece of your dress and [?] us every thing that happened. You write spleen did letters. I wish I could send you some chestnuts. The frost starts them off nicely now. I am going to get some thisafternoon I guess. It will depend upon what time we get out of chemistry. Is De. Barrett's sister that is there Ellen? Give a great deal of love to father and the rest. Tell every one to write to us. How is Bridge? Tell her that our girls name at [?] is Mary O'Hare. I don't know what one chambermaid's name is the one we did have suddenly disappeared her substitute informed us that she had "the shakes". She is fully impressed with the fact that Hattie and Minnie are teachers I wish it would rain We are suffering for the lack

of it. We are all very well
Hattie and Minnie send
a great deal of love
[?] tell Emma to write to me
sometimes love to
Miss Raymoona Mrs. Gre
land Mrs. Hittard and
every one. I do wish I
could kiss you. Goodbye
Your loving daugh
ter Mattie

How many grapes did
you have. I wish
Charles Goldburn would
mind his business &
write to us. Have you
written to Aunt Rebecca
yet? I hope Auntie I
will write to us
Mattie

Tell Nellie that I am listening attentively toward the West for howls.
I support that having no one else to quarrel with she has begun on her image in
the look glass. I hope she [?] cracks in the looking glass.