

Vassar College.
April 23rd, 1866.

My dear Helen,

I obtained your letter today, and hasten immediately to answer it. Of course Mother has before this recieved my letter saying that Clara did not write to Miss Gilbert, but I misunderstood her, upon that topic, but she said distinctly when she contradicted the report of Clara's writing that "the person who did write heard the report through the Warner's." & Minnie heard her say it. I told Miss Gilbert what Clara said, & she seemed considerably annoyed and said that there must be some mistake. I am very sorry for all the trouble and annoyance it has occasioned you, but I should think that the best you could do would be to let the matter rest. Another time, I will sift a report thoroughly before I trouble any one at home. Many thanks for your pleasant description of Sara's wedding, but why didn't you tell me something about the child herself? Neither you nor Mother mentioned her any further than to inform me that she was there. Thank Mother most heartily for that wedding cake. I am very glad of it. Tell Emma that this is exactly the right time for her to answer my letter, & tell me every thing, she can beg borrow or steal about the wedding. By the way, where do the Pomeroy's propose to establish themselves? or has Mr. Chapaton abandoned his plan of pulling down and building? I hope it won't be far off that they go. I wonder whether you have heard about Aunt Maria? Charlie wrote Hattie some time ago, that she had had a paralytic stroke. For the first few days she was not expected to live, but at last reports was better. Hattie was daily expected. I do hope she will recover. Minnie is still sitting most of her time upon that Committee. I am glad I am not on it - She enjoys it however. We have started off full tilt with breakfast at half past six. The result is that I have spent meet of my day gaping furiously. I fear I shall be utterly annihilated before the end of the week. Please to present the new minister with my hearty congratulations upon his respectability and efforts at sociability, as well as my condolence upon his lack of beauty. Tell Father that I am glad he is at home, & if I only was too my happiness would know no bounds. When I arrive at that blissful abode, I am never going to bed at night, nor to get up in the morning, nor to go out walking, nor to sit an hour at dinner, nor do anythlag that I don't want to do & have to do here. Your light silk must be beautiful - I don't see just how you managed it

I am very glad that you had it done - I do think that you ought to be thankful to me for two such extraordinary letters so near together. I shall expect you to answer with marvellous rapidity. Do please excuse me from going out in the wind and rain, or rather mud, if it only would rain I shouldn't be obliged to go. Please give my love to Mr. Freeland the very first instant you see him - I want to go home. What's more I am going in nine weeks. I have a bundle of things saved up to tell you & Mother as long as the moral law.

Good bye -
Mattie.

Mrs. Reynolds Emma appears to be the "other persons". I think she was a good deal excited & said more than she intended.