

Vassar College.
May 20th, 1866

My dear Mother,

I can't let Father's letter go without one to you also. Wasn't it good of him to write to me? I was very much pleased. We have been doctoring our ink with water, which makes it write easier, but hasn't improved the color materially, if you can't read this, "just lay it aside till I come home." I had a nice letter from Carrie yesterday. I like her letters very much, they are so very easy and spicy, her hand writing is beautiful. She says that Bell Adams is very sick, and seems to think it doubtful if she lives long. Mrs. Adams will miss her dreadfully will she not. You aren't all tired out are you? I am almost afraid to hear from home lest both you and Helen should be completely worn out and weary. Just consider, Hattie and I will be ready to lend a helping hand, in five weeks. I have just been marking the catalogue for your benefit. Those who are only friendly acquaintances I marked 1, those I like and know well I marked + and my most particular friends *. So you see the latter circle is not extensive, comprising only two besides our Greek class. Helen Dana, and Minnie - Of the girls so marked Louise Blatchley, I like best. I'll tell you all about her when I go home. Please give my love to all the girls and Willie. I intend to patronize the latter extensively when appear in your august city - I forgot to tell Father how deeply indebted I feel for that new sidewalk. I wish I could write more but have no time. Tell Nellie that I am compelled just now to keep a strict account with her. Good bye my dear, dear, mother.

Your loving daughter Mattie