

Vassar College  
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My dear Mother,

I am going to send this letter home hoping that you may be there, but I do not dare to congratulate you upon being at home at last, lest you should be still at Rockford. If you are safely at home you ought to be absolved from all duties of every kind, and devote your attention to sleeping, and lying upon the sofa. Although that may not be the height of human happiness with you as it is with us. I do hope if you are at home, that you will, or rather have, seen Minnie. She wanted so much to see you, that if she doesn't she will be much disappointed, as I have no doubt you will. We are looking for her next Teuesday. I assure that it will be a joyful day for us when she is back again. I feel as half of myself were gone. We have had a beautiful Easter Sunday today. This morning at six o'clock I went to a service which the Episcopal girls held, which I enjoyed very much. Then Louise and I went down to Mr. Cookman's church, which service we also enjoyed highly. I like Mr. Cookman better every time I hear him, one great merit which he possesses is that he is sincerely in earnest, and means to do all the good he can, which is a very great merit in the men of this time and town. Mr. Mitchell preached here this afternoon. He is a missionary to Syria lately appointed by the Board, and has married Miss Lucy Wright daughter of the late Dr. Wright of Persia - April 20. Dear Mother will you excuse me if I don't write any more now? I was prevented from writing more Sunday night & now am very busy - I wrote a little letter to Emma which I inclose to you - I will write more next time. Goodbye.

Your loving daughter - Mattie -