

Vassar College Po'keepsle

Sept. 25th 1865.

My Dear Mother,

You will doubtless be surprised to hear from me again so soon as it was only this morning that I sent a letter to Father but I have so many little things that I wish to say to you I have concluded to write a short letter to-night. We have just come to our rooms for the evening and Emma and Mary are both writing at the same table as myself. The other girls have gone out to a surprise in one of the other rooms. Emma received two letters this morning and it was very hard for me to be reconciled to not having yet received one. My examination commenced this afternoon but I did not have time for anything but my conversation with Dr. Raymond and examination in Geography. I got along in that passably well for although I did not pass to my satisfaction I think I did as well as the other girls who were examined at the same time. I went to Prof. Knapp for my French and Latin but it was so late in the afternoon he only took my name and wishes me to be excused from Chapel exercises and come at that time to-morrow morning. I do not dread them half as much since I have got commenced.

Emma is going down to Pokeepsie tomorrow to spend the day at Mrs Booth's as there is to be a wedding, one of her relations. How X should like to be away too. When I went up with Em. to-day to see Miss Lyman about being excused to-morrow she told me to ask her about calls so I did. Miss Sept. 23, 1865 - 2

Lyman wished to know If I had friends here and I said yes there was a gentleman in Pokeepsle with whom I was acquainted and Em. spoke up and said it was Mr Bartlett a presbyterian minister so Miss Lyman said "of course I could see the Rev. Mr Bartlett under whose charge I was." I thought Em. and I would laugh but we did not say anything and managed to keep sober until we got out of the room. So now you see she considers me "under his charge" and I do hope he will call for I am half crazy to see some one from outside this prison. Do hurry and write me whether Mr. White has accepted the call to Ithaca and all about it. I commenced this letter because I had several things I wished to tell you but it has seemed almost impossible to break off writing other things. I have so much I should like to tell you. But now first Mother I want a calico bag for my soiled clothes. We are all required to have one to send them to the laundry in.

I think one as large as a pillow case would be about right, ff you cannot send it let me know and I will get the material and make it here. And about my dress for exercising, you will want the skirt about three quarters of a yard long I think and the drawers long enough to come to my ankles when down the whole length and the elastic will keep them up, some are having theirs made of water proof cloth. It takes 5 1/2 yards of that I believe, I may think of something more if so I will add it tomorrow morning. And now good night and remember you owe me ever so many letters. With love to all

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Your affectionate daughter,

Ella

P.S. I forgot that I want my ball of yarn for mending my stockings &

which I forgot and I wish you would send me some little fancy work, a band to embroider^ or something of that kind. I think that is all but if I think of anything more you will have another letter soon. I think I shall write to Auntie to-day if I finish my examinations. Miss Lyman said I might write to her if I would bring the letter and have her initials put on.

Good bye now

and write soon

Ella

Rember to Jennie and all othrs who enquire.