

Vassar College

Po'keepsle Dee. 10th '65

My Dear Parents.

I have not received any letter from you since last Tuesday. I was rather disappointed yesterday but I suppose you have been very busy. I suppose the tableaux went off very nicely I wish I might have been there to see them but I shall expect to hear all about them when I get home If not before. We had a very nice time Indeed here. I say we for from all accounts the girls here at the College did, and I am sure Mary Emma and I did. We left here a little after ten, In the omnibus and got out at the Gregory House. From there we walked to church. Mary and Em went to the Episcopal church. I went to the Congregational. Mr Bartlett preached I do wish you could have heard him. He had only a little slip of paper with a few notes and as it was mostly about the war you can imagine with his experience how interesting he could make it. I am more and more sorry every time I hear him that we could not have had him in Ithaca. He says he does not think the people at Penn Yun were very well pleased with him, at least that he was not pleased with himself for he was not feeling at all well at the time and therefore did not do at all well. I am so disappointed that he cannot go to Ithaca in the Holidays but he said Thursday he hardly thought it would be possible. He thinks some of going to Springfield for the Winter. But I must return from this digression. After church I went to the Gregory House and waited until the girls came from the Episcopal which was out a little later. Will Bartlett also waited with me and we all walked over to the house to-gether. There were quite a good many of the relations there but they were all so pleasant that I could not help but feel at home. We had an excellent dinner which I will describe when I get home if you have any desire to hear about it. In the evening there were three young gentlemen whom they had invited there, and we danced and played all sorts of games. One of the young gents, brought us out here to the College in a sort of democrat wagon. We did not get here until almost ten o'clock.

We were in time to see three or four of the last tableaux and the girls said they were all very good. They gave glowing accounts of the grand time they had had here but I did not feel sorry I was not here. We are beginning to feel now as though we will soon be home and some of the girls have already got their trunks down and are beginning to pack. I hardly know what to do about bringing my things home. I do not think I shall want to leave much here except my books for you know there are no locks on anything and I have only one trunk. There are quite a number of things in my trunk now which I think it will be Just as well to leave in, you know I had to have my trunk taken out of my room. Yesterday mortting Nellie Dickson Jennie Hunt and I went down to Po'keepsie with Miss Sayles we were gone all the morning and did quite a good deal of shopping that is to say the other girls did. I did'ent have much to get. Miss Sayles is not certain when we shall start yet but I have heard something lately about Tues. night I don't know anything about it yet. The bell is ringing for Chapel so I must close Love to all. Write soon. Your loving
Ellen