

Vassar College Po'keepsie

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My Dear Parents.

Father's letter of the 8th enclosing the two drafts was received yesterday afternoon. I am very much obliged indeed. I have been so fortunate the past week in receiving letters yesterday especially I was so delighted. I did not received any in the morning but in the afternoon I expected one from Louise so of course I was around when Miss Grant distributed the mail. She happened to hand me Louise's the first thing almost and I perfectly satisfied was marching off to read it when the girls called me back saying I had another and Miss Grant handed me Father's. I was perfectly delighted & again turned away certain that no one else owed me a letter when Miss Grant called my name and gave me one from Mrs. Cornell in answer to one I had written her soon after our return as Mary was not able to write. It was very kind of her to answer for I only wrote for Mary. Imagine how happy I must have been with three letters and I love so to get them on Saturday. But I was no less favored Friday for in the morning I received Mother's which was so interesting and at noon much to my surprise one from Fred Halsey and one from Mollie Bartlett. You will say I ought never to complain about not receiving letters enough but remember it is not so every week by any means. Mollie's letter was so welcome for she sent me the promised Photos, of herself and Mr. Bartlett. They are very good indeed I am so anxious for you to see them. -- I don't know how I have managed to write so much and not to say anything about Julie, for it is nothing but Julie with me at present. I am so delighted to have her here but it is rather hard to have her with Mary and that up on another floor but you can imagine we see each other pretty often. She came Friday after-noon after I had finished all my recitations so I had a nice time to visit

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...much and think Miss Hattie has made a very good choice. He is a good Sig. I can assure you He was in Ithaca several years ago and praised the place very much. He is acquainted with nearly all the Sigs there & says he remembers "having the pleasure of shaking hands with Father and having the grip but did not become any farther acquainted with him. I hope you may become acquainted with both he and Hattie Raymond some day they are so pleasant. I have not said any thing about Mothers proposed visit but not because I have not thought of it. I think of ever so much & it is very hard not to set my heart on it. Do come if you possibly can. Julie says perhaps her Mother will come too. Would it not be splendid Julie has come down so I must close.

Love to all my friends with a large share for yourselves from

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