

Vassar College Po'keepsie

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My Dear Father,

Your very welcome letter written from Havana was received last Monday and now to show you, In a small way, how much I appreciated it I have concluded to write to you at Blnghamington hoping you will be there when this letter srrftvss. I suppose you are with Mother to day, at least I hope so, aad I am so glad that after this week you will be at home for so long a time. I am so much more contented if I can feel that you are with Mother aad she is not so lonesome. Not that I am ever very discontented, dear Father. You know I do not mean that for I am just as happy here, as I think as it possible to be sway from my home & parents and U I ever seem to express any different thought or feeling In any of my letters you must think nothing of it for It Is only because when I sit down to write to you I cannot help so often wishing that I might the* I might be there to talk to you Instead of being obliged to say In such an unsatisfactory way so many things that I want to tell you all about. But Indeed I feel more aad more I believe, every day the great privilege I enjoy in being here. It is so pleasant and especially now that Spring has come aad all Nature Is beginning to look so green aad beautiful. I do so wish you could be here, and I trust before many weeks you will. I am so anxious to show you all the beauties of the place. I know you cannot help but be pleased. I only wish you could be here now for a few days and I think I could curs all those naughty "jaw-aches" and "side aches" and II I could not our indefatigable Miss Avery would not fail.

If you work so hard as to make yourself sick I shall seriously object to your being Judge, but I suppose when I come home I shall assist you so much In copyng, etc. that you will find hardly anything to do— Eh— Father?— And by the way do I improve any In my writing? I am so anxous to, but I usually have so little time to write that I am quite careless. I hope to correct that when I get home. If I can only write well enough to merit your approval I shall be quite delighted. I enjoyed Cally's visit very much last week. He came Thursday noon but I did not see him until evening as ha and Julia spent the afternoon in Po'keepsie. Then ha and Mollis Bartlett cams up Friday morning In time for Chapel Ik spent the fore-noon as he did not leave until two o'clock. I accompanied them around the house. I suppose you will sea the Popes while you are in Bingham'ton and If so you must remember ma to them. Mr. Will Pops, Jr. was quite anxous to have a catalogue of the College, In the Holidays and I promised to send him one, as we expected them to have them soon. I fear he thinks I have forgotten my promise but the fact is the catalogues that were promised us in Febuary have not come yet on account of some fault in the printing but we expect to have them now, soon. But I am transgressing my limit both in time and paper and If I do not close this I shall have no time to devote to Mother. I hope you will find time to write me soon again and you already know how accept* able it will be.

With many kind wishes for your welfare

I am ever

Your loving daughter

Ellen