

Vassar College Po'keepsie

June 20th, 1866

My Dear Mother

Here it is, study hour almost over and I am writing my last letter perhaps from Vassar College. I have been writing nearly all the evening and so feel quite tired and for that reason you must not expect a very lengthy or fine epistle. - I suppose Grandmother Auntie and the children are with you now. Oh how much I want to see them. I received your letter Tuesday noon saying you expected them that night and I consulted my watch nearly every half hour of the evening and imagined what you were all doing. Well - in about a week more there will be no need of that for I shall be there to see for myself and then won't I be happy. I suppose e'er you receive this letter your invitation for Tuesday eve. will have arrived. I thought I would not send any word with it as I should write to night. Of course you will be here and as to your dress, I think your travelling will do well enough, though I hardly know what will be worn. Of course the girls here will all be dressed gay but it does not seem to me that their parents will dress much when they only come for them. Still if you can as well as not you might bring another dress only it seems to me your green silk would be too dressy. Seems to me a black silk would be better. I would rather you would be under than overdressed, as I presume you would yourself. I am sorry you cannot come right through Monday night for you would be here so much earlier Tuesday morning, but I shall be all ready for you the moment you do

come. We are to recite on Monday but I do not think the lessons will amount to much. I am to be examined to morrow and next day in French. To morrow we have our last lesson in Philosophy and I hope will not recite after that. Miss Lyman told us to-night in Chapel that Friday evening the warning bell would not ring until ten o'clock & the retiring at half past ten. Think how much extra time that will give me.' but our last Chapter meeting of the Literary society will be quite long and take most of the evening. Jennie is giving to leave for home Friday I am so sorry for I wanted you to see her. And you will not see Nellie either. Mary Rhoades also thinks she may leave Monday. She is not in the Philalethean society and does not seem to care much about staying. I am sorry our party will be so broken up for going home. I am very anxious to see the paper on my room but I suppose I shall have no satisfaction about it until I get home. But perhaps I can wait as it is so short a time. It is quite comical to see how well we live now. We had ice-cream for dinner to day - the second time within a few weeks. Last night we had strawberry shortcake for tea and Monday night strawberries. I had heard of Judge Walbridge's wedding from Kate. Is it not strange, I am sorry to hear Mrs Tlchenor is sick. I hope she will be better before I return. I suppose you will stop at the Gregory House in Po'keepsle. That is the best I think. I must close for it is almost time for the bell to ring It besides one of the girls has come in to see us. My last letter ought to be longer but I have not the time. Ever so much love to Grandmother Auntie and Lizzie & Vintie I hope to see them soon and you sooner One more letter from you and then yourself-
Eh bien

Adieu

From your loving Daughter

Ellen

Emily sends love--