

Vassar

Dear people:

What naughty people you are, the idea! To think of my family being so unreasonable. I really haven't time to send more than 2 letters a week home, much as I should like to. I simply shouted when I came home and found the telegram. As to my health, I find myself pretty so so [thank], am able to take a little nourishment, and it's a living wonder to me too, if I do

say it as shouldn't, after what I've been through this day. About 40 children arrived from the college settlement, crazy at being in the country and acting according. They were turned loose there and it raining. Hence these tears. Such funny youngsters!! They had to be fed!!!! I wish you could have seen them eat and us fill. The sandwiches I buttered and cut, the bananas I passed, and the skins I

picked up, the cups of milk I filled, the cake I cut, the ice cream I cut and put on to platter with everyone Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! Ah!! They said such funny things Dora took some down to the gym and when one little girl saw the lake she clapped her hands and said "Oh! Oh!!!" There's the lake; is it always as clean as that." Then two other children were walking with Dora and one announced with great pride "My father keeps a grocery

store", and the other chimed in, "And any father keeps a bier saloon". "Yes" said the other and we trade with each other" They

were very amusing and some were just as bright and pretty as could be. I stopped this last night because Mary Gentry came up to see if I wouldn't get a plate of ice cream. She had eleven pieces left, so I went around with her and scared up 11 girls and we finished up the ice cream. The settlement committee

had had some left over and she said she would peel it for them. She made \$5.50. Wasn't that nice? Almost any night you want to you can make money that way, order out ice cream and let people know you are going to sell it for so much a plate and more people will come than you have ice cream for. Quite an idea ne est ce pas? Then another thing I did yesterday was to take a long drive in the rain

Edith's mother and brother are up and Mr. Havers took us for their drive and bought us each lovely bunches of sweet peas. Wasn't that nice. He is the funniest fellow I ever struck. He's very gruff and course out with some remark that simply convulses you. He is 20 years older than Edith It seems so odd and Miss Havers is a real old lady she has still older children. As to going to Edith's. I want to go very much and knows I

should have a beautiful time. But why have you planned to start so early, if you would only put off the leaving until a week later, or let Mamma and I come up after you then I'd go in a moment. You, Papa have exams don't you? And couldn't Mamma and I

wait until there were over before coming up? You see this is the point. I have seen Edith all this year, while I haven't

seen Frances and Ethel and Katherine and Ellen and want to have to have time for nice long talks with them. And if I get home just 3 days before I leave know perfectly well that there will be so many things you want me to do that I shall have more than time to say "How do you do" to the girls. Couldn't we fix it any way so that I could have another week in New Haven. Let me come up after you. I shouldn't mind it a bit. It would

be perfectly easy. Oh I know I will see when Lucile and family are going up the Dartmouth perhaps they would take me up part way with them. I think if you can't arrange it in any way so that I can have more time in New Haven I shall have to tell Edith I can't come, which well break her heart as she has arranged all sorts of things and we would have a lovely times meeting all the people we have

heard so much about. But I had rather see Frances. Will you tell me as soon as you can whether I can't stay another week in New Haven. Can I ask the girls to come up to the island and camp. They all say they will come if I invite them. I haven't invited them yet though. About my elections. I didn't mean that I wanted to take all those things I mentioned next year but I simply wanted to

know whether, considering that I wanted to take those things sometime, it was best to take astronomy now. I haven't handed in my elections yet. It's such hard work to go and study the charts and arrange your schedule. It is much nicer to be a Freshman and have everything arranged for you. It's very difficult to get everything straight so that two recitations don't come on the same hour. We had our nominations for class

officers last Friday, and Elizabeth (Allen) and I are running against each other for representatives from strong on the self government committee. I should rather like that place but I think probably Elizabeth will get it, and would do it better. It was rather funny I nominated Elizabeth and then Lucile got up and nominated me. So I am up against the person I put up. For president Gertrude [Knowhiton] and Nancy Owen are up. I don't know

whether you have heard me speak of them on Mot. Marie and Elinor Murphy are up for Vice President. I hope Marie gets it. Dear me I don't realize at all that exams are so near and that we are almost Sophs. Last exams at a week before them nobody talked of anything else. Nit now!!!! Why it makes no difference. Well the bell rang to get ready for church and I must do so.

lovingly Ruth.