

Vassar College. March 24. 1895.

Dear Mother, -

I feel as if I had heard a good deal from home this week- it seemed so nice to get so many letters. Nobody else but my immediate family ever writes to me any more, so I don't get as many letters as I did last year. Still I hardly ever write to any one but my family, so I suppose I ought not to expect to hear from people.

I can write but a short letter tonight, but I dare not omit that, for fear you will think something is the matter. Anna Burchard's mother is here visiting and they came up to our room this evening and stayed during the time that I had intended to devote to writing. Anna's mother is real nice- I should think Anna would have had her here sometime not so near to a vacation, for they will see each other again Friday, after parting tomorrow.

Tonight Prof. Benjamin Wheeler, of Cornell University spoke to us, in the interests of Y.M.C.A. work in colleges- He lectured to us last been

year on Philology. He has appointed head of the American School at Athens and is going there in June. Thursday evening we were addressed by Mr. Sherwood Eddy, one of the Secretaries of the Student Volunteer Band. He was a very interesting and earnest speaker.

Friday afternoon there was a match game in "battle-ball": That is a new game which is being introduced into this country. We have been taught how to play it in the gymnasium, and teams have been formed in all Mar. 31, 1895 - 2

the classes- three or four in a class. There are eleven on a team- This contest was between a class team in '97 and one in '96: the latter won. Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor were over in the gym. to see it.

We girls are on another team, and I am on a team in "basket-ball" too- that is another game- When it is warm weather we are going to play these games outdoors- where courts will be fixed. They are just organizing all the different athletic teams and clubs into an Athletic Associa-

tion, which shall include all students interested in athletics who play any of the games- The Association then will attend to the courts, etc. and arrange for a Field Day.

Yesterday I spent all day working on my special topic in Greek, which I handed in as an Essay in English, and so had to have it done by six o'clock yesterday. The English Department very kindly allows us to substitute other literary work which we may have to do, as Essays- I finally succeeded in finding Miss Leach at home Friday evening- I have tried a number of times to call on her, but she has always been engaged or out. She inquired about Miss Adams, and said that she was going to write to her- The ten o'clock bell has struck, so I must stop and jump into bed.

Lovingly, Adelaide. (Claflin,

Is Etta well yet? Give her my love.

