

Vassar College. Feb. 2. 1896.

My dear Mother,-

A hard week is over and a comparatively easy week is before us. Our exams, were harder than usual, and also harder to prepare for. Our exam, in Thucydides was the worst. Miss Leach gave us for the first question a passage to translate, which was the very hardest passage in the book. Some of the girls had just reviewed it, but a good many * Including myself - had not looked at it since we had it about two months ago. It was so long that I had done less than half of it

by the time an hour and a half had passed. Since we can have only two hours

for our exam, I decided that X had better leave it and go on to the next question. So X wrote on my paper "I have spent an hour and a half on so much, so I am going to leave out the rest of this translation"- then I went on to the next question, and had time to do about half of it. Not a person in the class had time to begin on the third question, and there were

seven questions in all. X guesses Miss Leach repented giving us that first question, for she couldn't have a chance to see what else we could do. Two of my examinations came on Monday and one each day the rest of the week. Some of the girls studied about four hours for each one, but X did not have time, because X went over for two hours nearly every day to help Prof. Moulton with some hektograph work. X did some copying for him at Thanksgiving, and as the size of my handwriting suited him he wanted me to write for the hektograph work. I was glad to have a chance
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to learn to use the hektograph, It was quite interesting, I never knew before what kind of a thing it was - it is a flat pan filled with a stiff gelatine substance, to which you transfer your writing, and then transfer it from there to other sheets.

For Astronomy, which came Friday afternoon, we studied three or four hours. We had to cram on that, for it is a lecture course entirely, so that there is no occasion to learn anything during the year, though we had to read and take notes every week. On that exam, we had ever

a chance to tell everything we heard of - it was so very comprehensive. It is not very pleasant to have an exam. Friday afternoon, for by that time nearly everybody is through, and enjoying themselves. In fact some girls got through Wednesday-

Ray got through Thursday, and early Friday morning she went down to Brooklyn to her cousin Mary's- where Mr. Capen and Harry were to be also. I hope the change will do her good,- I think seeing Mr. Cullen will work a cure- For Ray has not been very well lately- She nearly fainted in her first exam, and has felt rather queer all the week. Yesterday afternoon Carrie and I went down town- I had to take my watch, which stopped all of a sudden the other day and would not start up again-

I had not done anything to it, so I concluded it needed cleaning, and the Jeweler said that was what was the matter. This morning Carrie and Feb. 23, 1896 -3

I walked into town to church. It was miserable walking, you had to look at your feet all the time to keep them out of water. But the air was so fresh and the day so clear that we enjoyed it. We went to the Presbyterian Church. They have a new minister, but we did not like him very much, because he was so dramatic and emphatic. We are away from college between semesters, so we had a service of song instead.

My program for next semester is a little more convenient than last semester's, but our work is still rather scattered because we have history from quarter of four till quarter of five. Miss Salmon insists on having it then, because she can get more done during the day by having her recitations at the end of it, but the girls all dislike it very much. We can't get so much done during the day so so long as we have history still hovering over us. Here is my schedule:

Tonight the Bible lecture was omitted, because so many girls

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Give my love to the neighbors and friends-

Love to all

Adelaide. (Claflin,

