

[postmarked 7 March 1923]

Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I'm so excited. Everything turned out all right. I went up to Dr. B's room after her session with the dean, and the combined forces of T. and B won her over. Dr. B. said she sat up however, and shook her finger at her, and said, "I'll tell you one thing, Dr. Jane North Baldwin, if that young lady is tired out after the debate she doesn't get off early --she stays right here at Vassar College"! I told Dr. B. it might do Miss McCaleb's soul good to know that I spent four days of my spring vacation here last year!

What are your spring vacation plans? One thing is final, I guess, and that is that what-ever we do, I come back on time, unless I want to be kicked out!

The teams were posted this morning. Cowles, Bishop, and Aaron go to Smith, speaking in the order named. Wallace, Hall, and Goldmark speak here. Maxine got on by the skin of her teeth. I'm glad she did, though, because she has been working awfully hard to get on. Charlotte Cowles is the girl whom I replaced on the regular affirmative team for the Brown debate. I sort of feel that debating with Bish again means bad luck, but as far as brains go, she is better than any but Maxine. I hope she'll be good--and incidentally, that I will be too! We must win.

Charlotte has a sister in the freshman class at Smith, and her best friend is their debate chairman. I don't know anyone there, but I think I'll have just as much fun as if I did. We expect to leave Thursday, taking prom leave. Evan is going with us, thus breaking the time-old tradition that the chairman must stay here to entertain the visiting team. I am awfully glad she is coming along. We ought to have loads of fun. I am thrilled about it.

Pete, I am awfully glad to have you come, but have you considered that you might be "fussed" by going to the debate alone at a girls' college and not knowing anyone to go to the

debate with? This isn't an invitation to stay away, but merely a point to consider.

The girls of Pitt challenged us to a debate either in Pgh or here on 'War Debts, etc. both sides to share expenses. Of course we are booked up, but it would have been amusing to come to Pittsburgh to debate! Evan says Miss McCaleb was sore that we are having so many debates this year, anyhow. We certainly do get challenged from all over the country, ahem!

I'll write the plans fro Smith as soon as I know definitely.

[Love,

Fannie]

[Eliz. just had a wire from her mother that her [h...nia?] aunt died. She was just 30, + has two small children. She is all broken up about it.]