

Vassar College
January 19, 1879.

My dear Old Girl -

You don't deserve that I answer your letter so soon for you waited I don't know how long last time before answering but I will try [...] [...].

Yes, I did have just a grand time while at home - very quiet as regards parties and such tomfooleries but I assure you I was ready for theaters concerts & the opera every time I had a chance to go. Before going home I had a swell brown silk and velvet suit made and with a little brown felt bonnet I was all right.

Callers too, I had in great numbers

one evening I had seven another five and on an average two or three an evening. As you seem so curious concerning Mr. [...]. I will say he called and after he had a few explanations we were as good friends as ever - Rest assured there is absolutely nothing between us as we gave up all such nonsense last summer - We are now the best of friends and as such agree beautifully. Christmas day I passed with my Uncle and Cousin as usual - had of course a delightful time My presents were principally money this year receiving one hundred and fifty dollars of the "filthy lucre" besides I received a silver comb, an elegant Michelin lace "jigger" for my neck and sundry small things from small friends - New Year's day I received an elegant bunch of roses from some unknown source great jacqueminot and marshal [...] was arranged with delicate ferns

every one who saw them said they were the most beautiful roses they ever saw - [n'cest-ce pas jolie?!] By the way, the second semester is nearly here Shall you return? Write me of your intentions please so I may be prepared to meet you. Mother Dickey was here last week and spent the night; she is just as jolly as ever and faring ring a letter. [...] looks just the same. Miss Brockway also has returned - you remember her of course - she is still as fat and noisy as ever/ Of course you have heard that "Phil" day was given up and the students are trying to found a scholar ship with the amount saved as a nucleus, which shall be called the "Raymond scholarship" To do so \$6000. must be raised before June 1880. \$2000 is now pledged (which is different from received) but where the other \$4000 is to come from remains to be found out - If you have any money to

Ida Andrews is back as I suppose you know she says she wrote you a letter but meant to write [...o...e?]. Had an elegant letter from Helen Bartlett today. She is well and

occupying herself in a quiet way. She is much subdued I think and has matured very much since her father's death. It was such an awful shock to her. Of course you have heard that Carrie French, Ella Gill and Lottie [Roan?] are all married - all having taken the final leap this month.

I can't think of any more news to write you except that the Phil society think of charging a small [...] for admittance to their hall meetings the proceeds to go to the scholarship.

By the way the chapter plays have been discarded and now instead they have three [union?] Phil hall meetings. The second one comes off next Friday evening. Isn't it disgraceful the faculty and trustees have done nothing yet about memorial services for Pres. Raymond - although report says they will be held on the day of prayer for colleges which is a week from Thursday - I think they had better be given up entirely now don't you?- The Exoterics had a [...highside?] about a week ago - they chose the evening this time and I guess it was more enjoyable than the one they had two years ago do you remember - Coasting too is very good here but the days of crusts are

past and they coast in the old fashioned way now on sleds. I have got on the regular gossip strain and could spin along on how [...] but for fear the shock will be too much for you will stop leaving the things which are unsaid until next time.

Now, write me real soon. Goodnight.
from your best friend
E. Blanche [M...th?]

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Miss Carrie Griffith
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