

My dear brothers,

As I owe you both a letter and as this is to be a descriptive letter I thought you would not care if I wrote you on the same sheet. George told me you did not know anything at all about the College. I suppose you know where Poughkeepsie is do you not? but to be sure it is a city on the east bank of the Hudson half way between Albany and New York. It is not very large nor yet very small. some 2 1/2 miles at the south east - you come to the red fence that marks the college grounds you know how the College looks by the picture. I have sent home the distance from

the gate house is house is quite as far as from the south gate to the bridge by Mr. Thompsons and the corridors are as long as from the front door to Mr. Thompsons they are an eighth of a mile long, three times round the College out-doors is a mile. you can think how large it is. There are a hundred study parlors, two public parlors and eight or then private parlors with out counting all the bedrooms, recitation rooms of which there are I do now know how many the begin with letter A and end with T inclusive, then there are all the professor's houses there are four of them + the Presidents house the dining 2nd floor dining room the first floor kitchens, the 1st floor laundry, cellar bakery, the 2nd floor chapel, 2nd and 4th music rooms, the 3rd library, and 4th art gallery, + the 5th cabinet the numbers over the names denote which floor they are.

Boys think of it there over four hundred persons in our family (as Mrs. Syman calls it) we use a barrel and a half of flour in white bread every day. we have an oven a brick oven that will hold 500 of Jules largest loaves of bread, and it is filled every day with white and brown bread. then it fills the over full when we have pies the oven is full. we keep two men at work all the

time. there is a cook (a man) and six of so women assistants, some twenty waitresses, 20 or 30 in the laundry, and about fifteen or twenty chambermaids each of those have their respective heads.

The library is open all the time ,it has over twenty five hundred volumes and new ones coming all the time. The art gallery is not open all the time or any of the ? for that matter to any but the art students, the collection is said to be very fine indeed.

I forgot to say that there are three

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P.S. Tell Nora that Doctor Raymonds address is
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Poughkeepsie is in Dutchess Co.

The stamps & things are for Charlie if he has a mind to acknowledge them he will oblige his
Sister.