

[ca. Apr. 1917]

Dear Marjorie

It has been fine today, so mild and springlike. Expect you have had a storm with cold weather as we have.

I have been having vacation [now?] for a few days. Have enjoyed it very much. It's so nice not to have to rise at a certain moment and to be off at just the precise time.

You have been back from your vacation long enough so that you have forgotten you have had one.

[...] had a very interesting [...]atri[o?]tie meeting here Sunday afternoon. I never expect to attend anything like it again. There is a division of the Naval Militia here and they defeated Sunday afternoon at 6:19 - It's not too much to say that there were 10,000 people out to see them off - It really [was?] most thrilling. I am hoping that the [war?] will soon be [over?] and brought [to a?] successful [conclusion?] before we need to send many men abroad - I shall try to help in the [work?] that they do here in the [way?] of sewing, too. I don't know whether they will [work?] under the Red Cross or not.

What are the girls at Vassar doing? I saw some reference to it in the papers.

How are things going with you? Do you have to work very hard? Are the spring athletics in full [crossed out: swing?] What out of door sports do you engage in?

I take it from Georgia's letter written soon after her return from Washington that she did not altogether enjoy her trip.

I understand that Aunt Helen sent you five dollars in the fall Whether it was ^just before you went to Vassar or just after, I do not know. I believe I advised you sometime to write her. Now. I think the only thing for you to do is to writ[e?] Aunt Helen telling her that you have heard me say recently that I thought it strange you did not acknowledge the receipt of a gift sent in the fall. That will enable you to say that you regret not receiving the letter and you hope she will

pardon you when she knows you did not receive [crossed out] it. I should then tell her as much about my work and life [...] as I thought would interest her.

I hope you acknowledged your Christmas gift -- [Of course?], Aunt Helen is very much interested in Vassar, and its too bad ^for you to get in [wrong?] at the start. Its the only thing to do to write and apologize as gracefully as you can - I hope you will do it at once -

I have been wanting to write about this for several days.

Mrs. Lewis has been here for a day or so and I have had a nice visit with her.

I don't know why the time slips away so quickly.

Grandmother and I go to [...tville?] to-morrow to stay over Sunday - [...] expect to open the house, have a plumber to turn on the water, etc.

Grandmother will return with me for a short

stay, but will be back in [...tville? permanently by May 1st.

I am hoping it will be a nice day for the trip Do you hear often from your mother and [H...lbert?]?

I trust they are all well -

Why don't you once in a while send a card to Jessie [Fl...ie?]? That would be easy and a graceful thing to do.

Take care of yourself. Write as soon as you can.

With much love  
Affectionately  
Aunt Florence

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