

Thursday Sept 25, 1902

Dearest daddy,

It is three o'clock in the afternoon of a rainy gloomy day. The weather has been unpleasant almost all the time since I came, hot and rainy, but it hasn't made much difference for we've been so busy getting settled, and studying that we haven't had much time to be outdoors. Cerene and Polly

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and I rowed for an hour after luncheon to day though, and enjoyed ourselves. My courses of study are going to be much more interesting this year than last I think. Three of my instructors are men viz; in French, M. Bracq; Proff. Moulton in chemistry, and Mr Baldwin in history and they are all just as

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interesting as can be. Fraulein Reineche is perfectly fine in German. Although we've had only three lessons, she speaks German in class almost altogether. Of course she gesticulates around to show what she is talking about but it's funny how quickly you get so you can understand her. There are only about ten girls in each of the german sections so we ought to learn a lot. The French is fine too - also the history and chemistry! I haven't met the instructor of argumentation yet so I can't tell whether I am going to like that course or not.

Last night I took dinner over in the Main building with Marguerite Bower. She is such a dear! After I came home Polly and I went to call on

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Miss Beard (pronounced Bared) my next door neighbor. She is a French instructor, who spent all her girlhood in France till she came to Vassar from which she graduated in 1897. One of her best friends was Evelyn Craig from Veray Ind. She went to the Classical School, and I met her at the Pierce Vassar function. Do you know her family? Miss Beard is perfectly

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charming and has a delicious French accent.

We have excellent eats in this hall. Miss Beard told me that the chef of this hall was the oldest and the best on campus. We have delicious meats, chops, roast-beefs etc., good bread, and other things. I have an appalling appetite. I take three glasses of milk and two cups of chocolate a day besides quantities of other things.

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There are ten girls at each table and these are the ones who comprise ours: M. M. Shipp, Grace Parrot, Cerene Ohr, Helen Miles from Burlington Vermont and awfully pretty; May Kavanagh, not particularly attractive; Ernestine Pattison, Milford Ohio and Ruth Underhill, Ossining N.Y. both awfully nice, Margaret Rockword and Lilly Zimmerman her room-mate and awfully sweet chicago girl. Then last but not least, one of the nicest girls in the junior class, who lives just across the hall from me, Helen Beebe of New York. The other Whitlockers are sprinkled around at different tables. Everybody says my room looks great. Miss Bear has just paid me a visit and she said lots of nice things about it. I got my curtains up yesterday and they look too dainty and sweet for anything!

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I got an awfully pretty Dutch picture-postal from Phyllis Lowry this morning. I suppose Ruth Pratt has probably landed by this time. I must write to her and ask her up here to visit me. Eloise will be home I suppose in a day or two.

Will you ask sister if she put those teaspoons in my trunk? I didn't find them when I unpacked.

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I packed my tennis-racket in the box with my pillows. Sister wanted to know if I had forgotten it.

Next Saturday night there is to be some sort of an entertainment, I don't know just what, given by the Chrisian Association and I suppose it will be lots of fun.

I liked Mrs Bower very much, and I promised

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her I would find out from sister if she could in any way obtain a copy of Miss Merrill's essays. She seems to have known her and admired her very greatly. She spoke of having heard cousin Kate read an essay on The Child in History which she thought very beautiful. Ask sister if there are any copies of the book on sale, and if so, where.

Well, I must say farewell now until another time - Sunday perhaps. Sunday morning Polly and I are going to hear our beloved Mr Hopkins.

Bye bye

Slews of love

Peg.

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