

Vassar.

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My Dear Father:

Tonight just before tea we got the news that New York has gone eighty thousand democratic majority and we don't think of much else. What a shame it is! Any one would think by the enthusiasm and demonstrations of joy on one side and dejection on the other that this was a school of politics. The Democrats are out in flying colors, white, blue, scarlet &c while the others have on nothing but black ribbons and black dresses altogether. In the eight o'clock class of gymnastics tonight there were only ten out of a hundred who were democrats. I think that

speaks pretty well for our class. Vassar is a loyal institution I assure you.

I was very glad indeed to get your letter Monday morning. Many thanks for the money. I was about out so it was very acceptable. I will not be afraid to ask when I need it but I do not want to be obliged to send very often.

You ask if I practice at all on the piano. I have not touched one but three or four times since I came away and I left my music at home so I have nothing to practice. I have been thinking I would send for a few pieces and if some of you

will take the trouble to send some I
would like all my duetts, Marche
des Tambours, Bolero Brillant, Retour
du Printemps and perhaps Mountain
Stream though I am not very
particular. I am very busy now
and can hardly see where the time is

to come from and as Christmas is
only six weeks off perhaps I had better
not have any piano or regular prac-
tice hour till after then. I hope to have
more time then and for your sake I
will practice if I have to steal the
time. Your letter determined me to do
so if possible - I think piano rent
is very high here, but do- not know
just how much they charge. The Prof
of Music is just such a person as I
would like to take music of, but he
only hears them play occasionally as
he can only be here from New York
two days in a week. If I could take
lessons of him I should like it very
much. We are drilled twice a week
by him in chorus singing. He tried
my voice and said it was a good
one at which I was very much sur-
prised, as I had a cold and was not
in my usual singing order. He put
me with the first sopranos.

If you send the music I wish moth-
er would send in it some black
ribbon - not very wide and as thick
as she can find. It is growing quite
like November here and seems more
like New Hampshire than it has before.
Till a short time ago it has been very
warm and pleasant, but I believe

there was a little snow seen this morning. I did not see it however.

I don't get many letters from Sister lately and this week I have felt quite blue and homesick. My algebra has been troubling me a good deal and I have thought I should be glad when Christmas came and I should be through with that as well as Geometry.

It is half past nine and I must finish my Latin lesson for tomorrow which will take till bedtime. Love to all my dear ones.

Your affec.

Mary.

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