

Vassar College.
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My dearest Mother,

I have just read your letter and am so sorry I have not written again so that you could get it tomorrow after reading that you wanted very much to hear from me again. You will get this Monday, and let all your anxiety be immediately relieved for I am free from "pest and pain" now. This week I have been just as busy as I could be every moment, therefore it has been impossible for me to write any letters at all. How funny it is that Em should say I had not written to her for so long when I have been waiting for her to write and excusing her -for neglecting me on the ground of her not feeling well enough. Probab

-ly my letter to her or hers to me has failed to reach its destination.

I wrote Seth quite a long letter test, Saturday, I think, to make up for not writing sooner but it did not have time to reach Boston before he left. Nell had written me that Corlista was in a very critical condition so I was not so much shocked to get the news of her death yesterday from Charlie Cummings How very, very sad it is! I feel so badly for I liked her very much. She was a splendid girl and it seems so awful that she should die. We did not think when we were down at Mr. S's after Sophia died and saw Corlista doing so much. that she would so soon follow her. I remember of her saying to me then "how much better I could have been spared" Seth is left more and more alone. It seems to be the worst thing for one of his nature, but