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Plantville, Ohio,  
July 4, 1896.

Miss Lambert  
Oberlin, Ohio.

Darling Bertha: I  
was up last night from mid  
night on and it seems to  
me every moment my thoughts  
have been turned to you all  
day long. I would rather see  
you and spend the evening  
with you than to meet any  
other person on earth. I  
feel like I would so much  
enjoy just freely pouring my  
thoughts to you and I believe  
you would listen very  
attentively. It seems too  
bad that we must be thus  
separated, but we have taken

the plans which under the  
leading of God seemed best,  
I wonder what you are  
doing today. Busy of course  
and spreading sunshine all  
the time. I was so hurried  
yesterday that I did not get  
to mention nearly all I  
wished to speak of.

Of course people will talk  
but I presume Mr & Mrs  
Frankum would prefer their  
own judgment to any other.  
It might be a mistake  
for them to wait another  
year. Aunt Mary Embree was  
with us yesterday afternoon  
and Wats took special pains  
at <sup>to</sup> <sup>sub</sup> <sup>her</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>insure</sup> <sup>her</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>was</sup>  
trying to be related to her.  
She said she would be proud

to acknowledge me as such.

Your father stopped here a moment this morning but I was not in there and did not get to see him.

I conducted the Union last Sat. evening. The class at Bartlett have invited me to talk to them some time this summer and I think I shall respond a little later on missions. I am glad you sent those cards. I too am satisfied and feel now that we are more closely allied to each other than ever before. We have taken upon ourselves self denial and all for Christ.

but we have the sure promises  
of God to bear us out.

Does it seem possible  
now that our every energy  
shall be directed toward pre-  
paring to leave our own native  
land and to say farewell to all  
our friends and to give up  
the pleasures connected with  
home life in this country to  
go we know not whither? But  
today I took the Bible and run  
over the promises given in  
Rev., reading them to Alice,  
and I think we can well afford  
to sacrifice any and every thing  
because "he that overcometh shall  
inherit all things". Sometimes  
though I allow myself to  
become a little discouraged, but  
Ps. 37, and 91 always cheer me

I have thought so much of how it would lighten our hearts if when darkness seems to come we could only talk together an hr. because your presence always dispels anything related to darkness and I feel that even separated as we are you are my sunshine and it seems to me I could hardly think of continuing the battle of life without you at my side.

As stated before already I am sorry I have wasted so much time as not to be ready to claim you as a nearer companion, but I have faith to believe that all will end well.

I am trying to get Leonard to decide to go to school but I don't know what the result will be. I hope you may succeed well in your canvassing. I use the introduction cards quite a good deal. I usually see the ministers first and get the card filled out or have them write a testimonial. From the pastors it is quite easy to get S. S. Supt. Presy. P. C. E. etc and thus get a list at once of those who are likely to be interested in Bible Study. In showing the study I vary the plan considerable but always try to get the person to see the salient features as we advance in showing 1. a complete index 2. Interwoven gospels 3. Harmony of the

gospels 4 System of notes 5 maps  
with reference lines 6 Key to the  
fourfold gospel, 7 Schedule of distances  
& Harmony of genealogies.

I find it a valuable "hit" to  
show how nicely we can run  
from the maps by tracing the  
reference line from the white dots  
in the journey line, thus showing  
the Map, No. and the book and  
chap in which any event is found.

I expect you can show  
the Study better now than I.

I told the Co. to inform you  
about the Old T. Study. you  
can get Bibles like the one  
you are canvassing with  
for \$2.60 or with complete help.

including five plates for \$2.85  
or you can get silk lined  
@ \$2.35 without helps and \$2.45 with  
helps. You can sell them  
at your own price but I  
would not bother with them  
for less than \$1 per book.

When you get the fifty sold  
you can order direct from  
The Co. and if you can make  
use of 50 more and order them  
~~at~~ in one order you can get  
them at 25¢. The O.F. Study is  
the same rate at present so you  
see it gives 70¢ profit on a sale.

I don't want you to send any  
money at all, the girl that has  
the courage to go out as you  
have deserve commendation.

I expect to take enough kisses  
to make up for that even if you

give them at the rate of 18 for 10  
 Take good care of yourself "Dear"  
 and I will try to do the same.

In case you get a chance  
 to establish an agent, I think  
 it will pay you to do so as  
 all the Studies you dispose of  
 in that way (i.e.) wholesale,  
 you get @ 20¢ per copy

It is now Sunday after-  
 noon, I am still at Uncle's.

Instead of going to Church  
 this morning I left. I shall  
 not attend the Union this  
 evening neither. Alice seems  
 quite restless this evening  
 but if she has no phantoms  
 & bells she may last several

days yet, Seora is getting better and think she will get well.

The people don't bother me in the way of teasing except what I have mentioned, perhaps I enjoy it too well. Venice is working at father's so I went over and took dinner with her Friday. They feed me on raspberries, <sup>apples</sup> blackberries & peaches in all manner of styles.

For the last nineteen days I have eaten four meals daily except two days. Do you think you will be able to cook four meals per day. I don't get much time to write. I think I shall go to Athens tomorrow. The mails here are very inconvenient as no mail goes farther than Sharpeburg or Chesterhill in a day.

Mail put in the office at

Plantville at 5 P. M. Sat. Do not  
 not leave Sharpsburg until  
 Tuesday morning. I hope you  
 may have a nice time during  
 your stay at Iberia. It is almost  
 a year now since we had such  
 an excellent visit there.

This is Mon. morning and Alice  
 seems waker. Leonard, Miss Forward  
 and Jennie Armstrong and I sat  
 up last night. I rather wished  
 you might have been here instead  
 of Jennie. Please pardon for  
 being so long in writing but  
 it will go just as soon.

I expect you are weary of  
 the effort in deciphering this  
 letter may help you to have

the time, now I will say  
good by, again. I suppose  
you have gotten the Studies  
and letter by this time.

Trusting that this may  
find my sweetheart enjoying  
herself well I must close for  
this time, you may address  
me at Athens again this  
time please

Your devoted Lover

J. H. Harris,

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Athens Miss

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