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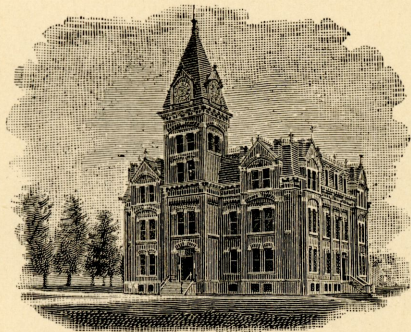
My Loving Bertha:

Your message found me enjoying life in a high degree and pressing forward as well perhaps as could be expected. I can scarcely wait a moment after getting your letter from the office until every line is perused, for you just seem to send yourself right along in the letter and the more of yourself you put into the sentences the more I enjoy them.

I consider it a great honor to be the one and the only one who is thus privileged to read from your letters

your own real personality & love!

That is not selfishness is it? if so then I am quite selfish. I really feel a little sorry for the young men here though who do not get such letters, for they are quite a stimulus to hard work and they bring a ray of sunshine into the dusky room that outranks the brightness of the sun's rays. I was pleased to hear of the organ craze and presume that when I get back home it will hardly seem like Mt. Hermon. I think your suggestion concerning my visit a good one. I should like very much to make a visit home but cannot take the time now that it would require to make a visit there and have any time



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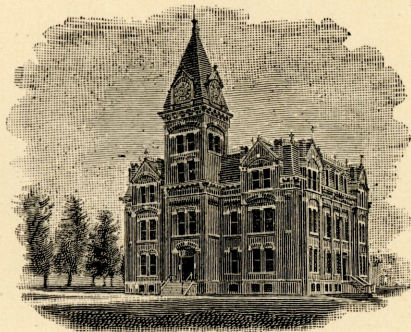
scarcely with you.

I may have the opportunity of getting home during vacation; so really I would prefer waiting until you get home, when I shall surely not tarry longer, but meet you as soon as possible. You will notice from the Herald that Prof. Lehu. has entered the field as a Candidate for Gov. of Ohio. He says he will give the school a free ride to the convention which will ^{likely} be held at Columbus the first wk. of June. If they don't have school then probably I may

go^{to} the convention? I have been
Thinking that as decoration
comes on Thursday that makes
a break in the work that
we might take advantage of,
as that will give you time to
get rested and have a good
visit with your folks after
you get home. That looks
like quite a while ahead, but
it will soon roll around.

I got a letter this wk.
from a bricklayer with whom
I worked last summer at West
Liberty, W. Va. asking me to
come to Caldwell, O. this coming
wk. as he has quite a job
of brick-work there.

I may wish that I had
taken up with his offer, but
I just feel determined to stay
in school every day possible.



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I can lay back perhaps when I cannot go to school. I cannot help thinking that God is interested in this decision. Life is so intense, and I have wasted so much of it, that I shudder when I think of it.

I met Mr. Shurey at Oberlin (he used to teach at Oberlin) & questioned him some about the Seminary. He said it requires three yrs. there after completing at W. I have been examining the Y. M. C. A. Training schools. They give a three year course, but it only takes two

you for a college graduate,
but they are much more ex-
pensive than the Seminary.
Whooping and measles are raging here.

Leonard went right to Athens to work.

He said he had not time to stop
at school. Speaking of school
work above I guess you will have
time to go through Harvard before
I can complete collegiate and
Seminary course, but we will
talk of this later. Mr. Lanning is
troubled with hemorrhage of the lungs.
I fear he will not be able to stay in
school long. Mr. C. P. Taylor is with
us again. My room seems a little
lonesome this evening. I wish I might
be with you this evening, but as
that is impossible, I send the
sentiments of a heart gushing
with pure love - and a kiss.
Your devoted lover
J. H. Harris.

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Miss Bertha Lambert,
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