

Plantersville O, Dec. 2. '94.
Mr. J. H. Harris,
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Dear Friend:- While
an opportunity presents
itself, I take pleasure in
trying, in my awkward way,
to converse with you for
a little while.

As I read your most inter-
esting and welcome letter,
I was almost startled, to
look back over my past
life and realize the events
that have taken place
since I first landed on
Ada soil.

I still remembered it, but hardly realized that I had been a (so-called) student at that place. In an instant I had lived over that four months, rambling through Philo Hall, back at the old Wilkins House, up at Prof. Smith's room singing as though I were going to be an Adeline Patti or a Jenny Lind; next I attended the association meeting, and can see each member in their familiar place, and last of all bid adieu, feeling, as I heard an old student express, that, "I had lost my last friend."

What a pleasure, to live over such days and, as you say, "leave out the dark spots." I can surely look back on that short time as one of the bright spots in my life, and it would surely be a pleasure, to visit Ada, although I know all would be changed.

Now, true it is, that our college days are a happy part of our lives, and possibly the happiest, yet why need our happiness to stop there? It seems to me we are only, then

prepared, to enjoy life in
its fullest sense.

As you spoke of school ^{and}
^{music}, it seemed, that I was
just thirsty for something
of that kind. Yet I believe
I appreciate such things
better for being deprived
of them a part of the
time. As I read different
accounts of the Y. P. C. A.
convention at Westville,
also the consecration meeting
of the missionaries at the
same place, I felt that
it was a great cross, to
miss such things at
my home, but I have
concluded, that this is
the place God wants me
to work this year, so I

try to be content.

Mr & Mrs Howard & Mr & Mrs
King are now on their
way to Africa I believe.
What noble young men and
women, to give their lives
to such a work, and yet
it seems to me it
would be a very pleasant
one, although I know it
is attended with many
trials, but to feel that it
was for the Master would
make them pleasant.
But whether I go to Africa
or labor in Athens Co.
I want my life to be fully
in Christ's hands, ready

to do whatever he bids me!
Our Y. P. C. B. entertainment
was pronounced a success
by all that I have met
and seemed to be enjoyed
by all.

I did not attend church
today as it was rather
stormy, want to attend the
young peoples meeting
tonight if possible.
How do you room? and how
are you enjoying Voice work?
I imagine I can hear
you A - E I O U &c.
But do not be discouraged
if you do not learn it
all in one day.

I will close asking God's care
and guidance over you.
Please do not fear that you
will tire me with your letters.
Sincerely Your friend B. L. H.

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