

Plankerville Ohio

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Bertha E. Lambert,  
Westerville, Ohio.

Darling Bertha: your message came to hand last evening and of course it is useless to mention the effect, I scarcely know sometimes whether I am dreaming or whether my stay there is real. I came home last Friday, visited Alice in the afternoon, spent the evening at home, went to Sathrop on Sat. <sup>(This is now Friday June 21)</sup> Almost all the remaining time I have been with cousin Alice. I am surprised to know that she has lived so long, as she has standing spells once in a while. Everybody is busy in harvest and as they are particular about who they have to wait on Alice I seem to be the only one available at present as it is necessary to have one man to lift her. I have not had my clothes off since last Sat. morning. I ought to be at work but don't see how I can leave them as they are.

Uncle Tom & Wats are both unable to lift Alice.

I have done nothing with the studies this week. I got a copy of an old Testament. I think it is fine. I will tell you something of my plan of canvassing as soon as I have time to write. Alice is perfectly resigned and talks of her decease as composedly

as though she were going away for a days' visit.

As soon as I get through here, I will get more studies on hand and will perhaps go back to Athens.

I think you may address another letter here. I believe you have been teasing some one as your letter has such a playful tone about it. Your letter did me so actual good as there is of course an air of seriousness here that makes one feel rather sad all the time. I have very few opportunities for writing now so I believe I shall postpone writing until I have more time.

I would like so much to visit you and think I shall when I get over to Athens a visit with you now would be a grand treat for me. As last Sat. we go, meeting at South St. the had no church at Harrow so I have not been to church for a long time here. I am so sleepy these lines want to run together so I shall say good bye to my sweetheart and trust that I may visit you soon. Hoping this may find my "love" enjoying life in a high degree I remain  
devotedly your servant  
J. H. Harris,

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Miss Bertha Lambert,

Westerville,

"Franklin Co."

Ohio,