

No 80 N. Mulberry St.

Chillicothe, Ohio.

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Mrs. Lambert,
Westerville, Ohio.

Darling Bertha: I wish
I was near enough to you so
there would be no need of writing,
but it is difficult for us to
understand the workings of
Providence and I am thankful
that I may have the privilege
of telling you in this way
that I still love you and
am living on hope the
fruit of faith.

Your message came today
and as usual made me
light-hearted. If I thought my
letters did you as much good
as yours do me I would feel
that I ought to write every
day. I think you do well to write

as much as you do. That signature means whole volumes to me. It is too bad that I can not be with you. I hope you will not worry and I trust that you will forgive me for having thus used you i.e. that I have been away from you for so long and have been indefinite about when I could commence school, etc. I dislike to mention anything of this kind and I hope you will forget it quickly, but I expected fully to start to school with you until about that time I asked for a ^{full} statement from the Co. and while those who started in the work did well the majority have just started at all and the Co. allowed some to cancel the order so for the present it is not

very profitable to me. It may turn out all right after a while but that does not suffice for the present. It gave me no time to consider other plans and so here I am. I confess it has worried me more than any one thing of that nature that ever came up, but I lean heavily on Ps. 37:5; Is. 41:10 etc. I may be able to enter school soon, and it may be some time yet.

I have given you this little explanation, no one else of course is interested and I dislike to bother you with anything of that kind but thought best to speak of it under the circumstances.

I expect to follow Christ come what may. Most all of my school work has been broken so this will be no exception.

I wish you might see me at
W. - Sat. but I fear you will be again
disappointed. However if it becomes
evident that I will be out some
time I shall visit you when I get
farther up the line. I may not
stay here long and expect to go to
Circleville next where I will be
within 42 miles of you.

I happened to get into rather
a peculiar boarding place, but
perhaps I can live through it.

I have had no mirror in
my room until this morning
when I asked for one and they
gave me a 4x6 arrangement.

I hope this may find you the same happy
little girl as usual. I think I shall
stay here until perhaps Tuesday.

so if you feel like spending an
hr. with me Sunday I can get
your message Mon.

I think my experience in
this work will be of great value
to me. I try to be a constant
student of sociology etc as I
plod along and I now see why the
cause of Christ languishes as
it does. Day by day I see more
in Phil. 3: 7-21.

I don't think I ought to blame
you much if you should get
another "point" since I am
absent all the time, but perhaps
we can make up for this later
and our joy will only be the
sweeter by being true to our trust.

Your Love, J. H. Harris
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