

Portsmouth, Ohio.

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Miss Bertha Sambut,
Westerville, Ohio.

You Dear Girl: I was just ready to go to S. S. this morning when the cry "mail!" sent me to the door and there I found your letter and the Ada paper. I was not so sick but that I ate a hearty breakfast but I was just thinking how nice it would be to attend the same S. S. this morning, but since that was denied I was thinking of the letter when lo it came.

I beg pardon for scolding^(?) you so when you were so busy. I wonder that you have done so well with school work and company at the same time. I am glad however that you have started in

school and trust you may
be so favored as to be able to
remain in school until you
are a "Missess". Please con-
gratulate Carrie for me. If she
desires a school I hope she may
be able to obtain it.

You have pretty good
work. You have not mentioned
it but I suppose your "heaps"
are as strong as usual.

I am sorry about the books as
I have neither Xenophon nor Vergil
as none of my books were rented
and some I sold, as they were
old texts. I hope to be able to
take that Bible Study this yr.

It is just one month today
since I left Athens. I sold 183-
Studies in that time making my
profit \$64⁷⁵, Carfare and board
\$16⁷⁵ so I think that is doing

first rate for me. You just
wrote in time for this last wk
Miss Fappan, daughter of Pres. Patton,
sent word to me that she would
be pleased to have me call before
leaving town so I called Fri.
afternoon and had quite a little
visit. She is pretty, but not so
good looking as my "Sweetheart".

What do you think of that?
She is determined to become a
missionary but meets with considerable
opposition. She wishes to join
the S. V. M. F. M. but is not a
student. She has ~~been~~ written
to Sec. Shannan about it and
though, as he did not invite
her openly to sign the card
she thought she perhaps was
not wanted because a non-
student so she was anxious to
see some one who belongs to the

movement. I have met all
the folks from the "ridge". I went
through the shoe-factory and
found it quite a treat. I cannot
say yet "Dear" when I will get into
school. I think of leaving here
Tuesday and will either go to Sumter
or toward you, stopping at Piketon
~~and~~ Waverly, Chillicothe etc to Col.
which of course means W-

I presume the latter will be
the route, so I do not know where
to say that you should write.

Perhaps I had better suffer the
pain of waiting on your letter
until I write again, 4:20 P.M.

I just came from the Y.M.C.A.
They have a series of lectures this
month by the Theastore.

I am pleased to know that

I am remembered so kindly.

I would very much appreciate having a visit with Mr. & Mrs. Mayne. Their kindness and interest manifested while visiting at their home has been a pleasing recollection and benefit to me.

Of course you had a nice time with Miss Chandler. I can almost hear her myself.

Yes, I forgive you all and will continue to love you even more fondly than ever because you are the joy of my life and I could not get along without you even though you are absent from me so much. I think when there are any more changes in

our school work we shall both
have to go at the same time
shall we not?

I shall keep you informed
as to my intentions and where-
abouts etc. and should I decide
to work much longer I shall
visit you while working at Chifflythe.

I hope we may have the opportunity
of studying quite a good deal of
missionary literature this year.

What a pleasure it would be
to spend this beautiful evening with
you, but since duty comes first
I suppose we will have our pleasure
pretty soon. We can be faithful
and trust God to use us in
His own appointed way. Do you
get the Herald now? May God
bless my Sweetheart and keep her
safe during my absence.

Your Affectioned, J. H. Harris.