

Plantville O, Dec. 16. 1894

Mr. J. H. Harris,

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Dear Friend; - As the day with its labors is almost over I will spend a few moments in conversation with you, although my letters always sound, to me like one end of a telephonic conversation, which is neither interesting, nor very instructive to any one. However I am thankful for this privilege, and will try and improve it as best I can.

I was at school today as usual, and as it was Mon. ~~my~~ ^{each} pupil seemed to do his best to enjoy the day, and hence deprived me of some of my enjoyment.

I am glad to know you seem to be enjoying life so well, and can be spending life as I would like to spend it.

I must tell you of my late adventure. Cora Hanson and I had planned a visit to Mr. Pickering's last Sat evening, so about 4 P. M. we left Selby Hollow (on horse-back) expecting to arrive at our destination before it was late. Cora said she had been directed till she knew, the road perfectly so I did not worry in the least but thought the road rather long. I will not ^{take the space to tell} the preliminaries, or tell how many times we inquired, but we finally arrived there safe and sound having gone four or five miles out of our way. Please do not tell the folks at Hermon I fear it would cost Cora and I something beside our extra livery bill. Bennie Pickering received quite a severe wound in the hand, was out hunting and shot through his left hand between the third and little fingers. Howard thinks he had best go over and see if he needs company at night, although we told him he did not.

I stayed at Frank's last night and I presume from the conversation ^{that} they (your folks) are not enjoying the correspondence as well as we. They seemed to think I was getting all the letters. How am I to defend myself?

Last Fri. night the dogs and our sheep had quite a battle, which resulted in the death of ^{twenty-two} ~~sixteen~~ sheep, three missing, and sixteen wounded, also the death of two dogs, so if you are getting scarce at your boarding club just send us word. W. O. was out Sat. and we made arrangements for going home. We expect to go one week from today. will get to Wt. about 5 P. M.

The trains coming south to Col. leave Wt. about, A. M. 2, 8, & 11. P. M. 2 & 8. This is not the exact time but near it, and it takes about one half hr. to run to Col.

I am looking forward to a pleasant time during vacation, and would be much disappointed indeed if I did not see you at my home. I will look for you on Sat. evening Dec. 29th. but will write again after I reach home. Unless you answer immediately you had better direct your next letter to Westerville.

I hope you will excuse this queer newsy letter, it seems that my "best" has not been very good tonight.

I am still trying to live for Christ, "casting every care on him"; believing that he will guide in the path that I should tread. Hoping to see you soon, I will close asking God's care over us, "till we meet again." Your friend
Bertha.

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