

Westerville O. Jan. 5. '96.
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Ada O.

My Darling Joe: - I
have come to the desk
to spend an hour with
you. How different from
one week ago, but it
seems that we must
be separated, so I try to
think as little about
it as possible. I believe
if you were here now, in
spite of what authors
say, we would have
to have some fire. It
keeps us almost busy
to keep warm!

I rec'd your letter yesterday
and Mother seemed to
think strange that I
must read it twice.

It was surely a lovely
letter. I was really ashamed
to send my last one,
for I almost quit in
the middle of a sentence,
and did not have
time to see how many
mistakes I had made.

I wish I might have
done your patching
for you, if it were proper
under the present circum-
stances. I am glad if
you enjoy the book.

I gave you, for indeed
I enjoyed giving it.

As for the gift you have
given me, I assure you
I have never seen any
thing cruder about them,
and thought my little gift
was very insignificant

when compared with
that bust of Abraham
Lincoln. The past week
was spent in doing a
little of everything. It
was almost too cold
to go any place and
so we just enjoyed
a good time at home.
I have read about half
of the first book of
"Emerson's Essays" and
I think it excels any
thing I ever read. I
noticed recently that it
is considered the greatest
American book, which
is quite a compliment
on the gift I think.

I can not say I am
fully decided about
my studies as yet, but
rather think I will take
something in music if
I can arrange for it.

I am beginning to get quite anxious for school again, it seems like a long time since it closed. I really wish you might go to Chicago University, if you do not come to Otterbein, even though it is so far away, it surely has superior advantages.

I shall not be satisfied to think of you closing your school work when you leave Ada for I would feel that it was on my account, and I believe you would regret it in the future.

8 P. M.

I have just returned
from church and will
talk some more.

I went to church tonight
as the minister gave
us a talk at prayer
meeting, the other night
about staying at home
from church on Sun. night.

I wrote a long letter to
Lucy soon after you left
and received an answer.
She is almost as prompt
as you.

She spoke of the death
of a young man who
was engaged to one of
my friends at Liberia
She thinks there
will be about as good
an opening for me at
Liberia next summer
as last, but I want
to find something better
if possible.

I hear of quite a
number of weddings
among the students, I
also notice some in
the Herald. The professors
here think it is almost
a criminal act to become
so much in love that
they can not wait until

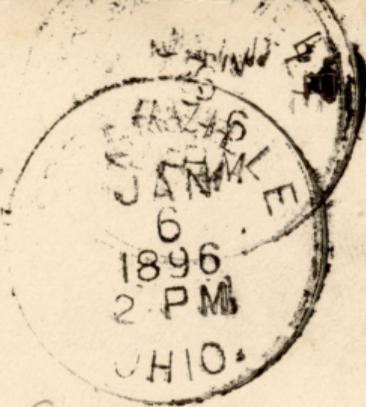
they get through school.
I hear that the Brunner
twins are coming back
to O. P. instead of going
to Ada. I have been
watching for Mr. Barr but
have seen nothing of
him, but I presume he
will be on hand.

Lucey thought your visit
was very short, and I
thought so all the time,
but I thought you had
your arrangements made
and so did not insist.
I will know that you
only want evading the
next time. I will
risk the board business,
Carrie says you never eat

any thing, when you are
there

May the Holy Spirit
guide and direct us
in all our work!

Your loved one
Bertha Lambert.



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