

Athens.

Aug. 24, 97.

Darling Bertha: your letter
mailed at 2 P.M. today
reached me this evening.

You surely must have
been in a happy and
meditative mood Sat. P.M.

Your letter was so filled
with inspiration and love
that it made me feel how
unthankful and complain-
ing I have been. I must
get on a higher plane
of Christian life. I
wonder that God has dealt
so kindly and wonderfully
with me.

I am quite well and
am working faithfully

Sometimes I think if I had a good job at my trade in view for next summer, I would be tempted to ask you to go with me and I would spend a summer at my trade and I know we could spend the evenings and Sundays together so pleasantly and profitably.

Where we have such work as we had at Spencer, it is more profitable than I would be likely to get in starting at teaching.

I said to myself at noon today as I went to dinner "I will eat dinner with Rutha Thure" as I thought we would get done sometime tomorrow, but as I came out from dinner the owner

of the hotel where I board
asked me if I would
repair some chimneys for
him. Of course I said "yes"
and after supper this evening
I examined them and
find that four of them will
have to be torn down to the
roof and another perhaps built
a little higher, which makes
quite a job, but if the weather
is good I think I can
finish them this wk. and
perhaps may be able to come
to you Sat. evening, but I
shall make no promises
as I have put you off so
often. I know we are both

glad to have work as that was
what we both prayed for
last Spring. I will be working
for myself on this job.

It is because I love you
the more dearly that I stay
close to my work and while
it is hard to be separated
now, I prefer it now to
being compelled to be away
from you perhaps when it
would be even more difficult
than now. I dislike to
impose on you, State Fair
etc. which begins next month
as you usually have plenty
of company then. Perhaps
I can arrange to meet
you Sat evening and Sun.
returning Sun. Night, so I
will be ready for work Mon.
morning. You might state

your preference if you have any
choice. I think "Dear" you
got your dates mixed just
a "wot bit" did you not? you
dated your letter aug. 29.

I suppose you are counting
the time till school begins.

Teacher's Institute is in
session this wk. Ahn Hille
and Marvin Miller are staying
here. This is also Fair wk.
so we have a busy time, but
I do not stop for these now.

And you are quilting!
Well that sounds encouraging.

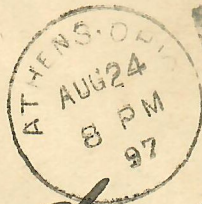
I wrote to the Sec. of the
Educational Board, but have
heard nothing yet.

I feel encouraged to go
on even if I have to wait
another yr. God is good to
us "ever" and has led us
safe thus far and I am so
glad that He has made our
afflictions all one [i.e.] we
sympathize in everything.

It does seem sad that you
should be so afflicted, but you
have so many grace and power
that you are sure to be snored
(if I may use the term). Somehow
I feel that we will get to carry out our
desire in going to the field. I want
to talk with you about plans for
further preparation for our work
[i.e.] medical and Sem. course etc.

Your letter was full of encour-
agement and may God comfort
and guide us this wk.
Yours truly, J. McKim.

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