

Westerville, O., Aug. 25, '96
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My Darling Joseph: - Here I
am at my dear home once
more. ^{or only,} Those who have enjoyed
such a home can realize the
happiness, trust and peace one
feels on entering such a hallowed
place. I got home Fri. at 1:34
P. M. and almost tired to death. -
In order to make connections
I came from Edison to Centerville
(about 20 miles) on a local
freight. Would you have thought
I would lower my dignity enough
to come home on such a
contrivance as just named, but
I did and paid my fare too.

However I believe I will sustain
my dignity better in the future
(It was much harder to sit on
the seat when the train stopped.)
But I am here safe and sound
and do not care now how I
came. My concert passed off very
nicely. I had a very fair crowd
for Iberia, and rec'd quite a
number of compliments on the
work done. Of course people
felt very bad to see me leave,
especially some of the young men.
They all seem to expect me back
next summer. I have been so
busy since I came. Carrie was
preparing to go to Delaware to
attend the "Teachers' Institute," so
I helped to get her off.

Yesterday I went as far as Columbus with her, did some shopping and got home by noon.

At 4 P. M. yesterday we had a called meeting of Choralea - and it almost seemed like school again! One or two of our number has died, and so many have gotten married that we had to make some changes! It resulted in placing me in the chair until induction evening. I expect to start into school next week if possible and the only thing I see in my way is the company we always have at fair time. I wish you might be here at the opening but it will not make much difference.

the first week. I hope you can
arrange to board in a club
for I can not bear the thoughts
of you boarding yourself and
I do not believe it would pay
you to do it. I think you can
find a room, to suit you, but
I can tell you I do not
expect you to live a secluded
life this year. I expect you to
be on Park St. a part of
the time and you know that
is quite prominent. D. F. & W. C.
are both at home and we are
enjoying such a fine time together.
I have a great deal to do before
school opens so I will not
wait to write more this morning.

Your own true one,
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