

Ada, O. April 19, 1896.

Miss Lambert,
Westerville, O.

My Loving Bertha: I come again to talk with you and what a pleasant task it is too, but how much more I would enjoy being at Westerville this morning and attend the services with you. We just closed the training recitation Jan 6:22-7. It is such an excellent lesson too. That is the nicest class I have had anything to do with. There are just as earnest and bright young men in it who are seeking to lead pure and useful lives. I have had charge of the class for several terms in succession and have derived great benefit from it.

Your "inspiration" came to hand yesterday morning and of course I had a faint at once although it was so near dinner time. I think you must be a busy little girl. You must not work too hard or I must furnish (?) you again. The time is passing very rapidly indeed and very soon I suppose it will be necessary to face the frowns of the world but my experience in the past will perhaps aid me in that respect. I hope to be able to reflect some sunshine wherever I may go for surely this poor old world needs all the light possible.

Four who close this term and should I leave at content
only a little more than two who are left to finish the
work which God would have me do in this institution.

As I think of my work here it brings a feeling
of satisfaction in one sense and in another sense
there is a feeling of regret. I would like to have left
the influence of Jesus Christ in the lives of more
fellows and to have developed a deeper spiritual nature,
but the time is past with its opportunities and the present
is here and wherever my lot may be cast this summer
I want to be a missionary in the true sense of the word.

I am glad to know that those papers were
useful to you. I have a catalogue now of that
Institute and think the work is nice. I will either
send or bring it to you, of course you will say bring
it, and since you are such a loving creature I would
prefer that myself. Yes we have considerable time of course
but I think we could be so much more definite in
our preparation and plans if we could come to some
conclusion in that respect. Of course I only send
those papers etc with the idea of our studying the field
of work. I think much will depend upon the work
of this vacation and I look forward with quite a
degree of faith and will try to follow it up with
work. I expect to review some this summer in

cooking in order to be ready to bread myself next
yr. Now if you are a cook and want to make
some money this is your chance for giving lessons.

You spoke of going to Athens Co. I think that
will be nice provided you do not have to stay there
too long, but what will those people think and say
to see you making such preparations as that?

It makes me sad to think of how they will be
disappointed, for I would enjoy the thought of
the time being so near at hand. I had thought
of going home this Spring, but think I shall wait
now to see if there is any fruit.

I ~~was~~ pleased with the results of your talk
with your parents. I have felt perfect peace in that
direction since our visit and shall make full calculation
on going to some field and then if God turns me in
another direction all will be well anyhow. I think
it well to commence a thorough study of the
subject. What would you think about our preparing
ourselves so we can present the work to the people
the best we can wherever we go? I know a person
must be very humble and careful about it and a

Careful study of the work and the great leader
surely will make us feel that humility.

What do you think about our signing the
volunteer card form? Miss Dickinson will address
the Association this afternoon on "The Claims of
missions on Christian students as a life work"

I am so lost without you that every day there
is such a longing for your presence that to be
simply in your presence would be a purification
indeed to say nothing of the thought expressed
in conversation in a winning manner and then to have
those pure and guarded lips as a token of pure
affection. The thought of you makes me better and
I look forward with delight to when we shall be
side by side in our thought, study and daily duties.
I feel somewhat loathe to think of taking up any line
of work that would not permit us to be side by side
a good portion of the time and I believe if we are obed-
ient ^{we} will be so placed in some way. Let us lead the
Christ life whatever may come and I like to claim
the promises of Ps 91. and Ps. 37:5. May the dear Lord
keep you, my "Love" and bless the work he has committed
to you.

Your Love,
J. H. Harris.

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