Box 479, Ada, O.

Dec. 23, 1894.

Miss Lambert,

Westerville O.

Dear Bertha:

Please accept the
sentiment of these lines
in receipt of your welcome
letter which found me
enjoying myself fully as
well as could be expected
considering that this is
vacation and nearly every-
body has gone home.

Leonard started home
Thursday morning leaving
me master of the situation.

Yet the time seems short as something useful has engaged my attention every hr. Another term gone, not much done, although no reason to complain, made 98% in Latin, did considerable outside work besides getting settled for work next term.

Our S.S. seemed small today, although there were 204 present, listened to an excellent Xmas sermon.

I expect to eat chicken with the little folks at the M.E. church next Tues. evening, perhaps there may be a few big folks there.

The Philos. held a private reunion Thursday evening. Apples in abundance were served, & you may guess we enjoyed ourselves.

I think we shall meet sometime this wk. for the benefit of lonesome Holiday students.

I could not refrain smiling when you spoke about the telephonic conversation. I should be much pleased then to have a telephone in my room that would daily chime forth in happy measure such thrills of rapture and inspiration, even if it should say something about lost children?

Of course you feel glad to be relieved from the monotony of the school room for a wk.

and I trust your expectations of having a pleasant vacation may be more than realized.

I shall esteem it a high privilege to meet you at your home fireside at the mentioned time, unless you make different arrangements in your next letter

Many thoughts come to mind of which I defer speaking until you may have the privilege of answering in conversation.

Trusting this may find you enjoying life's highest ideals, I remain as ever your true friend,

J. F. Harris.

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Miss Bertha Lambert,

Westerville,   Ohio.