

28 W. 6, Portsmouth, O.

Aug. 28, 1896.

Miss Lambert,
Westerville, Ohio.

Darling Bertha: Your message had the usual effect and here I am tonight expressing my love for you in a much more tedious way than I would be likely to do were I at W. This evening instead of this silent room, I meant to write last night but I worked until 8:30, and then had a Bible to paste and a business letter to write, hence the delay.

I was glad to hear of you being at home, and I imagine you are having a fine time amid all the hurry and preparation for school.

This has been a very busy
wk. with me. Sold 47 Bibles
this wk. so far and packed five Bibles.

I think quite a good deal of
Portsmouth both as a town and
the people in it. Wed. I rec'd
an invitation from ^{Mrs.} J. J. Raddin
to take dinner with them
yesterday and of course I accepted
and had such a nice visit
with them. Aunt Fanny was
there also. She goes back to
Willard's soon to live as Joe is
married. Miss Raddin was at home
and I had a chat with her.

I am trying to write and eat
peaches at the same time as
I came in too late for supper.
You might help me some if
you were here. I attended J. S.,
y. m. c. a. & Church last Sat.

They invited me to address the

y. m. c. a. next Sat. I had no
idea of being here at that time
and as they made out their program
that day it is too late now.

I would very much have enjoyed
such an opportunity. I am yet
rather undecided about when I
can get into school, but will come
as soon as I can and expect to
have to be driven from E. Park St.
more than once. I know it
will make it difficult for me to
get started, but as difficulties are
in order this one will have to
be met as others by simply
doing the best I can.

I trust you may not be
detained from entering this ^{next} wk.

Sometimes I most wish I had
made arrangements not to be in
school this yr. but I shall not
worry unduly however it may be.

It seems to ^{me} my purpose is more
thoroughly fixed than ever and I believe
all will end well in some way.

The time seems so long since
we parted. I would like to visit
you, but of course it seems
unwise to do so now. I have been
thinking of our Lake Erie experience
and your visit to Ada. How different
our purpose now from one yr. ago.

Noting the date of your letter brought to
mind the noted event? which occurred
eight yrs ago when with joyful heart
I heard the answer "I have no objections"

It doesn't seem that long does it "Dear"?
Such a long time and still we are widely
separated. I wonder that people don't say
more than they do, but our hearts are
true and after awhile the tide will turn
and we shall reap the reward of our waiting.

I opened a letter yesterday for another J. H.
Harris. What if he should open one of mine? I
think if you write soon you may address me here.
Your Love, J. H. Harris.