

9:35 P. M.

Iberia O, June 30. 1895.

Mr. J. H. Harris

Youthfield Mass.

Dear Joe. At the close of this pleasant Sabbath I come to spend a short time in expressing the thoughts which have been seeking freedom for the past few days.

Another pleasant day has passed and as I draw near its close my mind runs back to just six months ago tonight, as we witnessed old Father Time reluctantly bid adieu to the scenes he had cherished so long, and was succeeded by the joyful New Year.

I can surely look into the future with brighter hopes & sweeter joys than I then could, and am proud to say I attribute a large portion of it to your cheerful and pure influence.

I am glad, to know, that God
is helping to unfold more and
more of the real beauties of your
nature to me, to such an extent
that I have ceased, to look for
their equal.

I have wondered much how you
were spending the day, in some
way useful I do not doubt.

I have attended all the church
services today, and spent the rest
of the time in reading Ben Hur
and the Bible. I am wonderfully
interested in Ben Hur, think it
is surely a wonderful book.

My work here is progressing and
I enjoy it so very much.
I presume you know it has
always been my ideal work as
far as mere pleasure is concerned,
therefore I am, trying to get
more, than mere pleasure out
of it.

Both of my classes have increased
to fifteen in number and I
have two voice pupils (with Lucy)
I give her voice, and, take instru-
mental of her. So altogether I am
quite busy. Next Wed. we are all
invited out in the country to spend
the day where, there are about six
young people. Won't that be fine?
And yet I look forward to the next
Wed. as bringing more pleasure.
I will indeed be pleased, to have
you stop if it is not asking
too much. I know you have
more on hands, than you can
hardly get through with and do
not wish to take your time if
it will be any hindrance to
you, but please do not understand
that I do not want you, to come.

Storia is about a mile from
the R. R. so you will come to St. James
and we will meet you there.

You can come down from Castine
at (arrive at St. James) 10:23 A. M.
1:30 P. M. or 7:20 P. M. Or Mr. Wayne
says if it is more convenient for
you, to come to Galion & he will
meet you there, but that is ten
miles from here and I presume
you would rather come the other way.

John & Lucy welcome you to their
home and say they would be glad
for you, to be here over Sun.

I have not rec'd anything from
Northfield yet, but think I will
get word tomorrow.

I rec'd your last letter from
Ada just after I sent mine.

You have my daily prayers
for guidance and protection.

Sincerely
Your Bertha.

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