

Oberlin Theological Seminary
No. 16 Council Hall, Oberlin, O. April 7, 1895.
Home address
Ada, Miss Bertha Lambert,
Hardin Co., Plantsville, O.
State of Ohio,

Dear Bertha: Seated in the room of my friend Mr. Travis, whom I esteemed as one of my bosom friends at Ada last yr, I take pleasure in sending a few thoughts to you this afternoon. I can not express the thoughts that so forcibly well up in my mind. Mr. Fisher, who is our Y.M.C.A. vice President, and I came here Thursday. I never was so surprised in a college as I was in Oberlin, magnificent, grand, are hardly strong enough adjectives to express the emotions that rise when I look at their great stone buildings, fine halls, grounds, library, museum etc.

The music conservatory ranks second in the U.S., Boston standing first on the list.

Warner hall alone contains one hundred pianos. I passed the hall once or twice yesterday and it sounded like business. I listened to The H Pipe organist, that is ranks second in the U.S.

We are located in an extremely fine and cultured family. Two beautiful young ladies meet us with a smile as we go to our meals.

The only trouble is they ask me to sing. Mr. Travis is in the Theological department here and I am spending quite a good deal of time with him to my great satisfaction. Oh my how my mind goes out to you when I think of how infinitely more you would appreciate this ~~too~~ than can I.

your letter reached me in due time. I could not
help entering into your sympathies and somehow
I must emphasize your feeling concerning this dry
method of meeting, surely no pleasure would be greater than
to commune face to face with you. I was pleased to know
of your decision concerning your vacation. No I don't think
your idea a crazy one, but on the other hand just an
excellent and very sensible one. I would much rather
think of you doing that than to stay where you are
and I am sure it is with pleasure that I wish
you good success in your undertaking. I would
much rather think of you taking leisure than to
study Greek., but perhaps I may be a little selfish.

We are having an excellent conference, so full
of power and inspiration, Mr. W. E. Critch, the Y.M.C.A.
pres. of Otterbein is here. He is in & race classes;

The Y.W.C.A. gave us a reception last evening.
It was a center of culture and refinement.

We can not get away until tomorrow afternoon so we
shall look around some tomorrow. The boys keep talking
to me so I shall not try to write so much as usual.

No I do not think you over anxious at all about
our meeting. I am glad you mentioned it. And I trust
that ere long we shall both be gratified in taking the
opportunity of talking over these eventful months together.

We shall talk of further arrangements in our following
letters. Leonard is going home soon. Prof. Smith has a
small book, published since you left Ada, I shall send
it either by mail or to with Leonard. If you will
excuse me for this short letter. So with a heart gushing
with love for you, and with sympathies that center
into every trial or difficulty which you may encounter
I say good-bye loved one
Yours with love J. H. Harris,