

Plantersville, Ohio.

July, 21, 1897.

Miss Bertha Lambert,
Westerville, Ohio.

My Darling Bertha: Once
more I come. Your message
of 14th inst. came to hand
Sat. night. I now appreciated
a letter more than that.

Of course I did not know
until then whether you were
coming home direct or
making a little visit in
Chicago. Perhaps I may get
another letter this evening.

You want to know all
about myself of course. I
stayed at home quiet all
last wk., attended services
Sunday, gave a missionary
talk in the morning and
conducted the union in the evening.
I saw several of the old

neighbors, took dinner at
Geo. Hanson's (they live where ~~the~~
Elisha lived). I cannot express
my feelings at all. Cindorf
preached Sun. P.M. (the first I ever
heard him). Mon. morning Leonard
and I visited the graveyard
talked with Willard Rardin
a while, stopped a few moments
at Frank's, took dinner at
Geo. Hanson's, was at Mrs.
Huffman's a short time, at
Uncle ~~Wm's~~ for supper, Plantville
for mail, called at Doga's a
few minutes and then came
by your old house.

Just to think then I saw
myself walking across the
field with you almost nine
years ago, next a backful boy
in the parlor, etc, etc, etc, etc.
It seemed that I ought to

see you there, but in vain.
Things are in quite different
order now from what they were
when you lived there.

Whatever way I may turn
thoughts of you come flooding
over me with such tremendous
force that I have felt myself
saying time and again that
I do not want to come back
here until you can come
with me. I have had a
nice visit and people are
so kind and all that, but
there is a place which no
one but you can fill and
I have really never realized
that so much as I have since
coming here. I certainly
have a deeper feeling of sym-
pathy for you in our sep-
aration. I have prayed that I

might, see you soon and
perhaps I may be able to do so.

This lay off throws me
out of course, but perhaps it
will be made up in some other
way. I can give you nothing
definite as to what I shall do
because I have heard nothing
from Athens. I am debating
the question as to going to
Athens tomorrow and then I
will know what to do. I think
my finger will be ready for
business by Monday and perhaps
there is work I could do there
now. Crudoif was here last
evening and wants me to
fill his appointments next
Sun. at Altheim, Fairview & Oak Hill.

MANCHESTER
I would like to do that, and
may decide to do so unless
I get word to go to Athens.
I must let him know
after I get the mail.

People seem shy of
asking me about you. I
made arrangements ~~to~~ with
Arndorf to ask for Dr. conf.
license. I wish we could
carry out our plans this fall.

I am going & cannot
spend this wk with you, but
"Daring" our patience shall
be rewarded. You are a
fearful little girl and I
wonder why I did not app-
reciate you even more when
we were together.

School time will soon be
here again. I can scarcely
think of us being separated
this yr. The study of medicine
still rather clings to me
, but we will talk later.

God is good and will
deal justly with us.

As I look at our plans
for life work, life really looks
sweet even though it may
be filled with toil and care.

You are such a blessing
to me. Last yr was a
wonderful yr to me and it
dawns on me more and
more. It is no use to
try to pay it, you know how
I feel so I will pay no more
until I go to the office.
Isen sang a solo at S. S. last
Sunday. Mr Lyons a Worcester

student stayed with us last
night. He is selling stereoscopic
views. At office and rec'd
yours of 16th inst which had
been miscent. I also rec'd
a card from Carlos stating
that they were ready for me
to go to work. My fingers will
hardly allow it although I
feel that I must get to work
so I believe you may address
me at Athens, Box 219. I have
visited long enough under
the circumstances. I will
read your letter again and
again when I get time.

May God keep and bless
you. This is the prayer of your
Lover,
J. H. Harris
Box 219, Athens.

Return to Box 219
Athens, Ohio.



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"Franklin Co."