

Kesterville O March. 7. 1896.

Mr. J. H. Harris,
Ada O.

My Darling Joe: - I see I am a little late this time, and I imagine I can see the disappointed look with which you will leave the post-office in the morning. I had so much on hands yesterday that I did not get to write and last night I felt so weary that I did not do it. I hope you will not think me negligent for I assure you it was through no such motive that I did it. Sat. night Miss Vandalia Varnum gave the 5th lecture. Subject - "Who prays the night" - It was surely excellent although quite a number did not like it because it fit too closely. It hit me too but nevertheless I liked it. Yesterday morning Mr. Hubbard, Pres of the Friends Peace Society, preached in the chapel, and last night Mr. Marsden a native of Alaska lectured in the chapel. Altogether I am so full of lectures that I do not know whether I can very successfully talk about any thing else.

I can hardly realize that another term of school is so near at its close. I never enjoyed a week's work better than the one just past. I was able to spend most of the evenings at home and enjoyed them ^{so well} in study.

O yes! I went to Columbus Sat. all by myself and did not get lost. Was well that brave! One of the girls said to me yesterday, that I looked so happy my "point" must be coming. I think she must have been right.

Have you heard from Howard recently? We would enjoy having him stop here on his way home if it will not be inconvenient for him. He is surely enjoying a great treat.

Last Thur. night some of the students concluded that the college building needed painting. When we went to class the steps, windows, and walls (benches) were painted, or rather smeared with white paint. The faculty immediately ordered men to come and remove the paint. It took them a great part of the day. Perhaps I ought not to have told you this before you decide where you will attend school next year, but I believe there are some such students in every school.

I can not see what enjoyment there is in that kind of work, but some seem to think it is really funny.

Do you say there is really no vacation between the winter and spring terms but they mostly allow about two days for examinations. I think I will have no recitations on Fri. and possibly none on Thur. But that will not matter, I can arrange that all right.

Mother says her "pencil" has been away almost as long as mine. Father has not been at home for about six weeks but will come this week or next. I think your suggestion concerning our next letter was a good one. While I ^{almost} shrink from doing anything separate us for life, I know that such things must be decided and that as soon as possible. I want to do just what God wants me to do for I think that is all I can do and enjoy life in any measure. And I do not think he will ask too much of us if we are just willing for any thing he wants us to do.

Last-Friday evening Miss Shanklin & I
called on that colored family, that I
have mentioned to you.

To listen to him tell how good God
and his people have been to him,
and hear him tell of the many blessings
they enjoy, while they can neither read
nor write, just lifted my mind clear
above the trials of school life and made
me appreciate more fully the blessings
I am daily enjoying.

You may decide the time for our letter-writing
next Sun. Any hour will suit me.
Yesterday, I had more than usual to do, as
I ~~led~~ the C. E., sang, in a quartette &c. &c.
But I have nothing on hands for next Sun
and can take any hour.

May we just give ourselves into God's
hands this week, and see if we can
not be entirely His!

No more tonight

Your loved one
Bertha Lambert.

73.



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