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Miss Lambert,
Westerville, O

Jan, 7, 1896.

My Darling Bertha: Your most welcome and soul-inspiring letter at hand finds me still enjoying good health and keeping company with my books. My studies are Analytic at 10 under Prof. Correll, Homer A at 11 under Prof. Michel two in class, a lady and myself, Literature at 1:40 under Prof. Daret, Livy at 6:30 P.M. under Prof. Schornover. I have felt somewhat discouraged as we had quite a time to form our classes, but one more term I suppose will end their trouble with me. Your letter just lifted me clear up out of myself so that I feel a burden removed.

I suppose you will coax me to stay longer next time, but I think two days and three nights make quite a visit since we were together almost all the time; of course a lifetime visit with you would seem short. No, your coaxing would have been of little avail I think, sad as it was to part from you, for I had my work mapped and have lived up to it. I feel so much at home in your family that I do not

Think it necessary to wait for any special or
urgent appeals, for I know my Bertha wants me to
be with her and had I not felt at home with you
I should never have striven to win the hand that
awaits me, so I know my presence delights you
and as to the family & presume they expect to put
up with some inconvenience with me in the hope
of getting rid of you after a while (?). I certainly
desire to be with you more, but somehow I just feel
that every minute now counts a great deal for
our future happiness and whenever I deprive
myself of your company, Dear, you may rest
assured that the sacrifice is made with the end
in view of making the future more bright and
happy for you, but let me say that in the next
visit I shall map a little differently perhaps.

I believe though I told you my time was
gone up to Jan. 11. I too realizing that we
must be thus separated try to dismiss that part
from my mind, but I keep you in mind all
the same, and I cannot think that we are always

to be separated. I received a letter from Seth stating that he expects to start into school this wk.

Alice is no better. I wrote to her last Sunday. When you have time I wish you might write again also, although I presume she may not be able to answer many letters. The people are tormenting me about inaugurations at Col., but I tell them I prefer a few more rallies before inaugurations. I want to attend the State Y. M. C. A. convention at Mansfield Feb. 20-23. Jan. 9. As you see I am a little slow, but quite sure. I attended our reception ^{Y. M. C. A.} last evening and had a very pleasant time. One of the boys inquired for me and on finding him I found Mr. Nesbitt, a member of Jones Church at Iberia. Mr. Wayne had told him to inquire for me. He came in this wk. you perhaps know him. I am glad to know that your services were appreciated at Iberia, but as you say it would be better if you could get something a little better financially. Of course you are now in school and are enjoying yourself nicely. I wish we might recite together. As this is leaf yr. I think you will have

To do the travelling and the entertaining so
when do you think of coming to Ada. You can
stay just as long as you like. Does Mr. Corbett
room at your home now if so he will get to see
you soon. I think the time of our separation will
seem short as already almost two weeks have passed
and I trust that in eight more we shall enjoy
our longed-for visit. I sometimes wonder that you
are so considerate and patient, but I presume it is
because you are looking into the future. You are
such a meek and loving little girl that I cannot
tell when I am causing you disappointment and
sadness. I look forward every day with extreme pleasure
to the time when short visits and letter writing will
be a thing of the past, when every day I may steal those
gushing demonstrations from your pure lips and abide in
your pure love and affection. May we be safely kept
in our work and may it please God to crown
our united efforts with success.

Your true and devoted Lover,

J. H. Harris.

You are invited to be present at the

G. M. and G. W. C. A.

Reception

to be held in

Philo-Franklin Halls

Jan.

This evening from 8 to 9:30 o'clock

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