Westerville O. July 16. '97.

Mr. J. H. Harris

Plantsville O.

My Darling Joe:- Your letty of the 14th just rec'd and it almost made me laugh and cry to see how hard you tried to write to me. This morning before I was up Ora came home from the office with your letter of the ~~the~~ 13th. so I have had more news than usual today. I am so sorry that you must suffer so, and I can not even see you to offer my sympathies. I wish I might be with you and do something for you if nothing more than make you forget your pain for a little while. But I am so glad your finger is better, and hope it will soon be well.

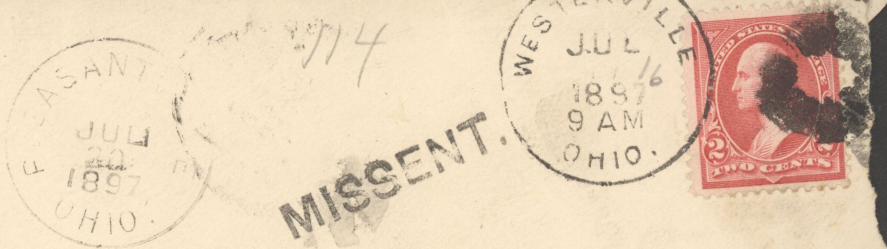
I think you should be very
careful and not go to work
too soon as it might cause
another felon. Just be content
and enjoy your visit and
when you get to feeling better
visit all your relations.
I do not expect to go to Athens
Co. this summer, nor soon
(under existing circumstances)
but I would indeed like
to be the girl to get some
of those buggy rides. I should
have written to you again yester-
day as I wrote only a note
the day before, but I was
rather waiting to know where
to address you. It seems
nice to be at home again, and
not be so hurried with our work.
Pa, Elsie, Morley & I are all
that are at home so we are
having a vacation at home.
But dear old Lake Geneva I sincerely
hope the [illegible] will never fade from
[illegible] memory.

That was surely the nearest
place to Heaven that I ever saw.
I think I would be judged very
severely, after living for ten
days with two hundred & fifty
devoted Christian young women, with all
the surroundings such a place
affords, if my life had not
become better in some way.
I believe and trust that some
definite changes have been
made in my life, and that
henceforth it will be "all of
Christ and none of self."
Miss Ruth did not get to
go to Northfield, so I am
the only delegate from the
association and feel that it
is quite a responsibility.
Coming home we spent the
day in Chicago and saw some
very pleasant sights. We visited
Moody's Training School Lincoln park,
the Lake side and various other places

Hasterville looks a little lonely. Today I went to see Prof Scott about my Latin and would you believe he asked me to read up all the VI book of Virgil. I told him I thought I could get it out by Fall.

Now you must not worry about your work. God doubtless has a purpose in afflicting you which you will some day see. You know I think of you almost constantly and wish so much I could do something for you. Remember that I love you more dearly than ever and pray God that he may help you bear your affliction.

Your Sincerest
Bertha Lambert.



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