

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1906.

Rev. J. Howe,

Dear Brother: Huntington, Ind.

I wrote you yesterday. Later I saw Miss Ramey at her home, and talked with her a half hour. She is darker than I represented to you, but better looking than I ~~had~~ ^{had thought}, and more accomplished than I expected. She was born in Cincinnati, but a few months later was brought to Dayton, where she has since lived. I did not see her mother, who still lives, but I saw her grandparents, at whose home she lives. Her grandfather is in his ~~nineteenth~~ ^{nineteenth} year, but looks about ~~seventy~~ ^{seventy-five} or ~~eigh~~ ^{eighty} ty. She was not expecting me, but met me in the front room of their humble residence, and I was struck with the neatness and tasteful arrangements; and she was dressed in fair plight for company. I learned since that she is a skillful violinist. She desires to go to Africa, and thinks she can be ready to sail the 20th. She is her mother's only child, but her parent is willing for her to go for usefulness' sake. She is modest, intelligent, natural, but accomplished in her manners far more than I had expected. The 7th of last May, she was nineteen years old. She is not forward, but is a charming talker. No wonder she smote Christopher's heart.

To-day, I went over to see the Wilberforces; None of them were at home. The brothers were away at work, and Constance was on a visit to see her mother who is sick, in Covington Kentucky. Mrs. Heavlow is better, and Constance expects to be at home in a few days. The Wilberforces are living in part of the house of Mr. Joseph J. Wheeler, an unusually intelligent colored man, a Wesleyan. I left a note with him requesting to see the Wilberforce men, and expect them this evening, after their day's work is done. Wheeler and his sensible wife tell me that Bessie is one of the best; that she is pious, and reliable, that she is an

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