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1925?

Dear folks.

7.30 Sun

Am home now from Ashland S. V. retreat tired enough to go right to bed. The trip cost me \$5.98. There were 8 from Wooster there about 25 or 30 altogether from all the Ohio northern colleges. met some fine students and had some fine talks with same.

It was an educational retreat and surely was intensive alright. We discussed the purpose of missions - changes in modern missions - 'Have we a message?' - 'Features of Christianity'. Plans for S. V. in advancement of Christianity. Campus problems!

Margaretta Craig led this morning's discussion on Campus problems and did it unremarkably well. We were

7 I enjoyed them. I can sing was
along. The other discourses
were led by Mrs. Renaud from
Japan. She is fine - do
you know her?

Ashland College is certainly
crude compared to Wooster. We
surely were thankful we are in
good old Wooster. We are all
mighty proud of Wooster when we
compare with other colleges. - going
away from here makes us appreciate
it alright.

We had a fine time. The
discussions were so broadening -
and certainly were interesting.

Then when we got back to Wooster
this afternoon, Mr. Cook wanted to
know if we would like to go and
sing at the jail - and we did.
That was a wonderful experience &
gave a fitting finish to the whole
conference.

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It was so impressive! There were
 6 in jail - and being of various
 offenses - they were all together in
 a place between their individual
 cells. There was one negro and
 we asked him to sing - He was
 rather timid at first but sang
 - so beautifully - It was so
 touching.

I and I am debating
 for Capital Punishment. We
 have a debate tomorrow
 afternoon and I'm not prepared.

Mary is not back & I don't
 know whether she will be back
 next week or not. Here's hoping.

Mother's permission came
 Friday morning so there was no
 trouble about getting the Dean's
 permission

4- I'm sitting on my bed and its
pretty emptying - I'm tired
and am going to bed very soon.

A book - debate on Capital Punishment
came from N. Y. - \$1.00 - did read
and it. - Larrow - Talley debate.

Maybe I'll write the
next sometime if I have time

Much love
Bear

Do you know Mrs. Kenard?