



Letter to Achsa Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Francis Sessions in Exeter, New Hampshire, 9/8/1856

Subject: Francis and Mary are visiting Sessions relatives in New England,
hear a prospective minister for Columbus

[Handwritten, script]

Exeter, N.H. Sept 8, 1856

Dear Mother

We have been intending to write you ever since we left Washington and Mary has said almost every day "that we must write Ma" but changing about as we have been from day to day Mary has found it difficult to get at it and I have concluded to drop you a line while we are waiting here a few hours for the cars to take us to Lowell to visit Mr. Childs family. We have had a most delightful trip thus far, the weather has been pleasant & cool this (Monday morning) it is raining hard, the first that we have had to keep us indoors since we left home. We notice by the papers that it still remains dry in Ohio. We hope you have had bountiful showers ere this or you must begin to suffer from drouth. [sic] The first Sabbath we spent in Washington, left on tuesday [sic] fr W for Philadelphia, stayed one day & night and arrived in NY Wednesday night, thursday [sic] afternoon went to Hartford and stoped [sic] one night with Mrs Ray at West Hartford. Mr. Ray you know bought a summer residence there and Sophia and her four daughters have been spending a few weeks there. she complains that it has rained almost every day since she came and she has been rather lonely not being able to visit her friends as she wished. Mr. Ray has now arrived and we suppose she will now enjoy herself. From Hartford we came to Springfield and over to Agannur found Mother and all our friends well, on Tuesday we took Mother & went to see my relatives in Wilbraham, Longmedowes. We had a delightful visit whosover we went. At Wilbraham we found that one of my Uncles & his daughter and a Mr. Beebe & his wife cousins of Uncle Comstock are expecting to start for Ohio on Thursday and will arrive there before we get home. On friday [sic] we came to Brimfield to my friend Mr. Morse. Enjoyed ourselves much, friday [sic] night arrived at Boston and Saturday night came here about 30 miles from Boston to hear a minister preach that we are expecting to come to Columbus and preach to us if he likes us. we were much pleased with him. as soon as we have visited Mr. Childs we go to Agannur then to NY & home Earley [sic] next week. We feel much improved in health & only wish that you were with us to Enjoy the balmy rigourous [sic] air of the



mountains and view the most beautiful scenery in the U.S. We hope you are all well. Mary often wonders how you get along and your absence is all that mars our journey.

The carriage is waiting and we must close

Your aff Children

Francis & Mary

We hope you can

read this, it was

written in greate [*sic*] haste