



Part of Letter to Achsa Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Her Daughter Mary Johnson Sessions, 12/11/1847 (?)

Subject: Homesick and complaining about her hired girl

[Handwritten, script]

Saturday Morn Dec. 11th [1847?]

My dear Mother

I feel as homesick as I can be, would be so glad if I could be at home, as I intended before the rain this evening. I do not feel very well this morning owing I presume to my being out last night. At Mr. Persy's to tea at 9 o'clock. Mr. Denison & lady, Parsons & lady, Bates, & Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Kelly's sister, enjoyed it much more than I expected to before I went.

What a beautiful day this is to be, warm as spring. We have our windows & doors open the same as summer. I wish I had my plants here, I have such a nice place for them. The two Geraniums Mr. S. got look very green & fresh.

I wrote you Thursday supposing Pa was going home, with pencil as I had no ink in the house but presume Martha will have to read it to you nothing very special it however. Afterwards I did up some things to send you enclosing a note. You will allow me to send my flanel [*sic*] skirt home to be washed. I cannot see to my work as I wish I could & you know the nature of my girl. She does pretty well but does not do her work as we do it home & every one adheres to their own way. I dislike changing girls & the name of being without or dismissing girls I cannot abide, so I am determined to get along with her deficiencies as well as I can. Another trouble what have for dinner for variety. I am so tired of one thing over & over again. If I had your tact of getting up something new I would be so glad but live & learn is my only consolation, only hope. I will not write any more now as I must dress if I was a [blank] should go to bed instead. I feel quite sick & blue.