

Transcript of Letter from Achsah Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, October 25, 1863

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Dear Brother

As I have been thinking of you a good deal to-day I thought it had been some time since I wrote you. I am in the shop now and am boarding with Mrs . Russell. She and Mr Russell have gone away to day and I am taking care of the children, and it is Ach do this and Ach do that all the time. I am almost crazy. Mother was down here Thursday she is pretty well How are you now? well I hope and happy. when we hear from you we feel quite easy for a little while and then if a little longer time than usual passes by and we do not hear we begin to grow anxious about you and wonder if you are safe and well.

it is beginning to grow cold here and we see signs of the approach of Winter but I care not how quickly this Winter passes for next Spring you will be with us again no more to leave us I hope . When is this dreadful war ever going to end. does any one know I guess not any one on earth can tell about that . I wish it was ended now it has caused misery enough already throughout the land. we meet with but very few persons but have some very dear friend in the Army. They say there are 300,000 more called for and where are they coming from. if they could not get the last they wanted how are they going to get so many more. I cannot see. I wish every able bodied man in the northern states would Volunteer and then they might possibly put this rebellion down.

Grandmother Sawyer is down to Aunt Josephines. her health is not very good.

Lin what did you do to make Electa Lemont think you were going to have her. I never knew a word about it untill Charley Merriam was down to our house a few weeks ago . He had been to Bath and she wanted him to ask us if we knew any thing about it. I was never more surprised in my life I cannot think you intended to inspire a passion you could not return. It seems to me she was very ready to think you liked her unless you gave her some good reason for thinking so. I know there are some girls that think if a fellow uses them well and gentlemanly they must of course like them and suppose at once they are courting them. I dont know as she is one of that kind perhaps she is not. I t think she is a real good girl and am really sorry that it happened as it did it may cause some unpleasant feelings but I hope it will all pass of(f) right with out any trouble.

I havent seen Nellie since I got home from Gorham. I havent been at home much I had a letter from Helen Cunningham last night they are all well. Uncle talks of moving away but I dont know as it will amount to, and I dont know where they will go if they move.

I havent any news to write as I know of. I believed you cautioned me in one of your letters about having anything to do with fellows that I cannot trust. I am obliged for the caution but I think it is unnecessary, I wouldnt trust any fellow as far as you could "sling a cat" I dont believe they are to be trusted at all at least that has been my experience though I havent had much I confess in these matters and I never expect to have.

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I suppose I am to be the old maid there has to be one you know in every family so all the rest of you may get married I am content with my lot I expect I am destined to go about Aunt Sally fashion and take care of the children, an enviable lot certainly but I will stop this nonsense and bid you good bye.

Your affectionate and loving sister

Achy,

P. S. Louise Mason sends her respects give my regards to Maj. Daggett if he has not forgotten his l i ttle school mate, and remember me to Reen Stevens kindly I should like very much to see him