

Port Gibson, Aug. 26, 1848

Dear Brother and Sister:

In your last you kindly invite us to visit you. We should be very glad to see you, but think it is doubtful. We usually go from Boston to Portland in the steam boat, fare is only one dollar. To go directly through in the cars the fare would be three dollars, and I suppose you do not live very near the railroad. I have not money enough to get to Maine by taking the cheapest possible route, but expect our friends in Ct. will help us home. But if the Lord sends us to your place He will open the way for us. So I leave it right here, with the Lord.

We shall have a Conference in Maine this fall, then you can see Bros. Bates, Gurney & Nichols of Dorchester, Mass. (I expect them present) and all the rest of us. You can come in the cars to Portland, then take a boat to the place of meeting for 75 cents. Now will it not be cheaper and better for you to visit us in our Conference than for us to visit you. The Lord direct, Amen.

You could come with your horse to the meeting which will be at Topsham, Maine. Call at Gorham where Ellen's parents live. They are with us in the faith. It is but an easy day's ride from Gorham to Topsham. We have a Conference at Rocky Hill, Conn. to hold Sept. 8 and 9. This will be on our way to Maine.

We have left our Henry in Middletown. We should like to see him very much, and expect to in a week. Ellen would write but has not time just now. She joins in love to both of you. And may grace, mercy and peace abide with you forever. Amen.

From your brother pilgrim in hope.

James White.