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## Letter from Thomas A. Morris to John C. Brooke

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Columbus O. October 18th 1838

My dear Bro.

I thought to have seen you when I came down to Lebanon for my goods, but my time was short and you know that it is no little job to make all necessary arrangements to move and to get in our work, and after I started my opponent's master has hurried me on. We are safe landed at home again, settled and got to regular business. We have 6 churches, amounting in all to about 200 members. I have met them all, and find them in as good a condition as I could have expected. The brethren here last year considering their extensive and expensive work of last year and when we can do so I would approve my predecessor than to censure them. Our congregations are large and somewhat attentive to the word, but not much excited. The church is in unfinished state, and will so remain this winter. Our male members are ~~very~~ comparatively few & poor in earthly goods yet they have paid on the church \$2000 and think \$1000 more would complete the same, which <sup>they</sup> intend to try hard to obtain next Spring & Summer. The passage here is quite a little thing, but for my small family answers the purpose very well. - Our Sabbath-school is a pretty good one, well supplied with teachers, & a good library. - You & I am like to have business enough for one year's employment; and

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Rev John A. Bovee

Lebanon, Warren

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Wm J. Morris



particularly this fall as there is now a great deal of sickness in town  
which however is not like to be fatal, consisting mostly of agues &c  
and as I have no business here but that of a Methodist preacher I am  
determined to go at it on Character and by the grace of God know  
no man after the flesh and glory not save in the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. In him only do I trust for success, for my arm is  
too short to bring salvation. - The brethren here appear to be to  
very kind to us and we hope to have a pretty pleasant year of the Lord  
with help to pass his sheep. - Our appointments here was rather  
unexpected (that is till a very short time before we came) but not  
at all oppressive nor unpleasant. - Although we had very  
poor success among you, we look back with some degree of pleasure  
to Lebanon and to Lebanon being so, and particularly an account of  
a number of good and kind friends the Lord gave us there. May he  
bless them all abundantly for their kindness to us word. And may  
David & William do the people in Ridgeville much more good  
than Thomas & Joseph did. - Our location is pretty good at present  
& Henry is here now on a visit and expects to return to Athens in a  
few days. - If you go to Conference next fall you will I presume  
have to pass this way I see us. - I beg the children & myself  
wish to be remembered kindly to Sister Brook Lyman & your father,  
sister Lucy and all the family and good friends.

Let us hear occasionally how you are all getting on and how  
many things are among you all. And when pleading before  
the mercy seat, then remember us.

I am dear Mrs  
Yours sincerely  
Rev. Bro & Mrs B. Thos. A. Morris