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[Pillsbury's Reply
to their letter]

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Uncleith Menois

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My dear Friend May

Your favor was
some time in finding me,
but has at length arrived.
My work in Ohio was pretty
severe, and continued be-
yond my expectations. And
when at the end of two
months from the time of
leaving home, I found
myself a good deal pros-
trated, I accepted a pressing
invitation from my wife's
only sister & her family, to
visit them, here on the
shores of the Mississippi.
And to this place, your letter
was forwarded from Salem
Ohio, & reached me the
evening before last.

And it was indeed
very pleasant to see your
capital hand writing again,
though not pleasant to
learn that your respite
from business, has not
wholly restored you.

I suppose we are getting
in to that period of our
lives, when infirmities will
increase, while the power
in the system to resist
them, diminishes. For
my own particular self,
it is no matter of regret,
only as I see our conflict
become more & more fierce,
and our visible resources
less & less efficient. It is
glorious at such a time,
to feel that the battle is
the Lord's, and that his throne
and honor are pledged for its success.

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My account of myself
is a short one. I had ex-
cellent meetings in Ohio;
and one, (on a Sunday) in
Adrian, on my way here,
was so effective, as to
induce the calling of a
Convention, to be held
on my return. That,
and my Lecture before the
"Library & Literary Associa-
tion of Michigan University,"
will be all I shall attempt
in that State; but I shall
call on our old friend Gro-
ver at Carlisle, and spend
one or two days, and ad-
dress one meeting, as
already arranged.

Then I am strongly
urged to spend two or
three days at Elyria, Ohio,
and give Lectures, as many

as my health will permit.
But I hardly dare undertake
anything there; though Mr. Bly,
late Member of Congress, & other
prominent citizens join in
the request & offer me, most
cordially, their hospitalities.

I must return to Concord
by or before the middle of Novem-
ber. My arrangements were al-
ready nearly matured to return
into New York, should my own
health & that of my family ad-
mit of it - And I intend to
hasten back there just as early
as possible. And I need not
tell you how glad it will make
me to expend my every ener-
gy of body & spirit, while I
am sustained by the noble
munificence of our dear de-
parted Henry. I was living
on a hope that it might be

So, before your letter informed me that Mr. Phillips & Mr. Jackson would favor such a measure. My stay in New England must not exceed two weeks. In a time like the present, every thing but health and life, must give way to the stern demands of the cause. And perhaps, even they.

But with a severe headache to-day, I cannot write more. It would be painful to me, & ~~surely~~ could only be dull to you.

What havoc death is making with our Martyr Friends! Mr. Philbrick I knew was hastening away - But we have ever thought of the firm, elastic

and faithful step of
Mr. Capron as so soon
& suddenly to give way
But so it is. And
each year now, proba-
bly, will bear away a
sad obituary registry
of our faithful ones.

But I must close
here, with subscribing
as ever & always

Most faithfully & maternally

Yours

Parker Pillsbury

New Haven May.