

St. Albans, March 12/58.

Dear Chas Burleigh,

The way did not open for me to send you any special message to the points indicated by you in your note - a month ago - to R. F. Wallcut,

- But I can say, and I wish I had written it to you a week or 10 days earlier, that we sh<sup>d</sup> be glad to have you employ all the Sundays before you go to Birmingham as an Agent of our (the Mass<sup>ts</sup>) A.S. Socy, in such ways & places as you referred to in your note. And you may make it go back, if you desire it, to the first of this Month. -

Of course you will do what you can to offset, by collections, the charges you will make against us; for it will be the hardest shedding for us to get

thro' the coming summer and  
autumn, I anticipate, that we  
have known for more than 12 years.

- Be this as it may, our moderate  
stipend can be paid to none more  
worthily than to you; and all will  
say Amen, to such appropriation of it.

- I could name places to you, but it  
would only be to add that your knowledge  
of Widdham & N. London Road, and the  
neighbg. parts of R. Island, is far  
greater than mine, and that I sh<sup>d</sup>. chuse  
to leave to yourself the selection of those  
places. - Some time I wish you would  
visit Hampton & Willimantic, and see if  
those places are utterly dead; but the  
present, perhaps, is not a very good time  
for it,

I understand from your letter that you  
are expecting to go to Brunswick about  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. And I understand

that you w<sup>d</sup>. like an Agency appoint-  
ment for that part of the State. —  
— Will you, please, write to me more  
particularly what your proposal or  
suggestion may embrace? How much  
time in a month, or week? Also,  
in general, the extent of territory. I  
will then, with great pleasure, bring  
the matter before the Board, — Some  
particulars as to the probable ratio of  
collections to expenses, & as to travel,  
would be a help to us.

I was very glad you could be at the  
funeral services of Dan Comstock. A dear,  
good fellow he was. So simple, so modest,  
so forgetful of self, so truly alive to all that  
is real & beautiful in Christianity — he is a  
loss to our Cause. — And how severe a loss  
we are meeting, also, in the departure of  
Sarah H. Earle of Worcester! Alas - alas! How  
can we do without her in Worcester County!

She was a rock, a defence; to trust to her was to trust in something higher and stronger than mere mortal strength, for her life & mind were filled with the divine spirit. Garrison truly says - "her life is irreparable".

I shall expect to hear from you soon. My respects & best regards to your wife.

Truly Yrs  
Saml May Jr

J. Pillsbury is still confined to the house here - and his recovery is very slow indeed.

14<sup>th</sup> June, what a stupid, I was  
I have written to thee on the  
back of Hill's letter, and I have  
to send it now. - Mary (little  
Mary) came in this evening to pass  
her P. O. - she goes in the morning  
to offer a short visit to her father  
& to her mother to back. she seems  
pleased. - Miss Fira goes on the  
to square - at Mrs. Wright's house -  
the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1835