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Mr Pillsbury is just come in &  
begs his best thanks for your last letter  
to him, which he says would have gone  
far to decide him to remain, if his own  
convictions of duty had not already  
almost brought him to the conclusion  
before hearing from you.

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5 Gray St. Edinburgh. Sep. 29. 58.

Dearest Mr Chapman,

Your delightful announcement of the arrival of your little grandson, & of <sup>his</sup> dear mother's well doing, followed me to Edinburgh. My affectionate congratulations would have been forthcoming immediately but for an attack of headache & sleeplessness lasting several days which arrested my writing powers altogether, & from which I am but partially emerged. You & dear Lizzy know, however, the deep sympathy I feel with you in the realization of these fond hopes, an elaborate expression is superfluous. I am wanting very much to know your movements, as a guide to my own. I am now in the midst of very kind friends, true hearted abolitionists as you know, & they press me to stay here as long as possible. But unless there is some chance of meeting you in this region by remaining I mean to set out

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on my homeward way next-Saturday. Stopping  
at Lancaster & at Manchester, & getting back  
to Bristol before the end of October. My  
feeling is, however, that it is now so much  
easier for me to go out of my way to see you, than  
for you to turn aside from yours to meet  
me. That if I only knew when & where you  
would like best for us to come together I  
would arrange accordingly. If you do  
come to Scotland (which I earnestly hope  
you may for the encouragement of the  
persevering friends of the Cause in Glasgow,  
Edinburgh, & Perth, as well as for your own  
enjoyment,) the earlier in the month  
the better, for in November short-days & dis-  
mal fogs will intercept your movements about.  
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world or to form any plans for himself  
till he knows something of yours, as he  
too is very anxious for a little <sup>of your</sup> conversation.



Advice. When I get home I shall be comparatively cut-off from Antislavery activity in which I still feel my greatest happiness, (next to the study <sup>of the records</sup> of my beloved Father's life, for close application to which I am not yet sufficiently recruited) so I cannot help wishing to get all the communion with you & other A.S. friends I can while in the North. I would especially for the Cause's sake that you may become personally acquainted with Miss Whitelegg of Manchester, & her little knot of fellow-workers with the Glasgow people whose leaders <sup>the Patons</sup> you have already seen, & with the Edinburgh circle, among whom are some very choice spirits. Eliza Wigham & Miss Whitelegg seem to me the two main props of the enterprise in G<sup>r</sup> Britain. I am not of course undervaluing the labors of others in some departments; but these two alone appear to me to combine all the requisites for extending & conducting the movement here. W<sup>m</sup> Pillsbury met about 30 intelligent, earnest-people here last evening, & gave them an admirable

address, followed by a very useful discourse  
on political action &c. His powers of adaptation  
to his present classes of auditors have wonder-  
fully increased; no one could speak with  
more effect in such circles as these. His on-  
ly want is better health & more self-confidence  
in presenting himself to people. They <sup>rightly</sup> always  
grow attached to him when they see what  
is below the surface, & outwardly he would  
commend himself invariably if he would.  
think so. We hear of Miss J. Griffiths's  
success in Birmingham, & of her having  
visited Manchester, & now being in Glasg.  
A meeting was <sup>to</sup> be held to welcome her in the  
latter place to which our friends the Nichols  
are not invited! How I long to see  
you dearest - Mr C. to talk of things personal  
& relative as well as of the Cause. Hoping  
to have the happiness soon I will desist of  
the occupation which just now seems most  
fraught with mischief to me, - correspondence  
I remain with much love to Lizzie

Your affectionate

Mary A Estlin.

Do you think you could let me hear from you  
before Saturday? I can't bear troubling you, yet I  
wonder to catch the first chance of seeing you!