



Concord Dec. 25th

Dear Mrs Chapman

With this note you will receive from our little band, a few articles for your Fair, which we hope may not come amiss, although sent at the eleventh hour. It is all we have - must gladly would we offer more, were it in our power - but we are few in numbers - numbering less than half a dozen - the members in dear bro. Rogers family, having refused to co-operate with ^{us} for several months

past, in consequence of the most
painful and unhappy alienation
of feeling that has been created
among us. It is said - too sad to
dwell upon - I hasten on to say
that one member ~~and~~ ^{with} myself have
very hastily made a few watch-
cases - and also, some muslin collars
to put with the very few articles
left of our late Fair - amounting in
all, as I hear, in my judgement,
marked them, to \$ 12.11 etc. - If they
are not "about right" you will
please mark them as you see proper
We send them, not for a moment
allowing the thought that we are
repaying your generous assistance
at our late Fair, but as indicative
of our interest and hope of your
unrivalled success during your present

Fair. The release is for sale -

The pleasure it would afford me to be of your number this week, is ~~scarcely~~ ^{hardly} imaginable. I trust that at some future time I may be so situated, ^{as} that I can lend you a helping hand -

Mr Pillsbury received a letter from you this morning which gave us much satisfaction - as every kind and encouraging ^{word} at this trying hour is received, and cherished, as never before.

How blessed is sympathy and counsel from those we love in a moment like this! you, more than blessed, from an affectionate spirit like our beloved Rogers. O why are we now deprived of his! speedily may we again enjoy the abundant showers of sympathy and love emanating from his pure heart - with a hopeful hand ever yours - Jacob H. Pillsbury

P.S.

I send this by "Express" tomorrow, this a
morning, hoping you will receive it, with
out delay - In haste - S.F.P.

Boston Mass.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman

Mrs. Pittsbury
Dec 23 '44.

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