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Dear Mr. Howell:

Yes, I am back from Vermont and just getting into my stride again - not so easy after one has been gone for some weeks.

I, too, am sorry that a summer has gone without seeing you and Mrs. Howell either at your farm or at mine. Your note said that the Mills family were going to spend next week end up in Bethel. That was last Sunday and I was not able to get there, otherwise I certainly should have tried to get you over with me.

And now as to speaking on Lincoln at The Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, Sunday evening, February 11th. I cannot make an unconditional promise. There is a possibility of my going away sometime after the middle of January for two or three months in a different climate. I have had four successive winters of influenza and the Doctor thinks it would be just as well if I tried sunshine this winter. It will all depend, however, upon my work, whether it is in shape to take out of town or not. If I am here I shall be glad to go to you, but if you feel that this is too uncertain I shall understand. Please be sure that I appreciate the invitation.

Very sincerely yours

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