Dear Sir.

With all the horrors of the terrible battle in view, how must I write?

Yet the old habit is fixed upon me and it would not seem like Sunday if I did not write to you.

I will hope that all is well with you, yet the thought that you may be wounded, dying or even dead, comes over me at times and makes me sick with terror! We may hear of a great victory at any moment, but of the safety of friends we cannot know till long after, so that our patriotic rejoicings are stilled by our apprehensions for our loved ones.

I am almost constrained not to write till I know that you are safe.
but should you return from little voyages and ever think of home and see letters waiting you to check your anxious longing to hear from us, it would be, as you have said, a keen disappointment.

If my efforts are poor, remember the sincerity and excitement under which I write.

Your letter of the 1st inst. came last evening, you sounded cheerful and well, but you constantly did not expect to be engaged in pieces battle so soon.

I trust the suddenness of the attack may be in our favor, I certainly feel more hopeful as to the nation's future than ever before, though face for you will be supperless, which is not may be.

Uncle John tells me to tell you that he had Uncle Grant and

Your community has, or is about to suffer a great loss! Judge Morse has sold his farm and is going to Canada.
Our paper announces the fact very quietly and adds that several of his friends have also determined to leave for the same locality. I have not heard who they are.

Robert called on Friday to tell me about the payroll which he had not yet cashed but said he was going to Cincinnati on Tuesday. He means to give it to me entirely, as he said. Luther refused about $15, saying he would settle with you sometime. He said the saddle bags were paid for and should stand also.

Eliza was here yesterday. She is going with Robert on Tuesday. The seem to feel that they pay too little attention to you and yours, and are always apologizing.

I said yesterday that she felt sorry that she had never written to you, but perhaps you know how it was with her.

Robert has bought his share of the building for $2300. Mr. Brady said he had not the ready money but would get it some other way.