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Dear Cousin Margaret

Time has flown rapidly since the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 17th Oct but it has also borne many to Eternity he who daily stood on the opposite side of my desk who had never known sickness was on Christmas Eve suddenly without warning called away our Robt C Caughey brother of our esteemed C Ploughy and our Book Keeper, you perhaps saw the account in the papers, a fire occurred in a new building on the next lot to his fathers, and at which time Robt was not at home (Manchester adjoining the City of Allegheny) he having come to Pittsburgh to select some Christmas presents for his mother & and hearing of the fire hurried home arrived after the fire was extinguished, and as the chimney of the burnt house was observed to be in a falling condition he with his brother in law were standing on their own yard warning others to avoid the

danger it suddenly fell striking him on the back of the head and causing instant death our Christmas was sad solemn, full of grief To one ~~the~~ constantly ^{the} solemn words of the Saviour has been sounding "The one shall be taken the other left." & since our Office has been to us a solemn place. his place has not been filled. his brother & myself doing the duties this will in some measure account for my delay in writing we are in our usual health and would desire to manifest corresponding gratitude we thank you for your interesting family affairs and shall always return a kind remembrance from any member and shall never fear but to be kindly spoken of when you make one of the number. Uncle Archy report says is about to lead to the Sycamoral Altar a rich widow with Four Sons. Whether there is truth in this I cannot say. we do not personally know her. Mrs Marshall has been twice flooded out of the lower part of her home within a short time and the indication to day is that she will be again, snow on the ground and

raining so constant that I have not gone to the office & therefore am writing you this Epistle. all our family commissions are well and if they knew I was writing would doubtless send their kindest regards Ella Davis's big baby occupies all her time & affection Mary Marshall & Ada are diligently attending the Female College. while our Ada is making rapid progress at the more humble Public School having been kindly permitted to enter this Session the School opposite our house although not her ward School, and so far has secured to favorable attention of the Superintendent who is her teacher, in her former instructors she had females with whom she has not that good opinion she seems to entertain for the other sex and we think her present opportunity will be of much benefit to her. Fanny is still the Captain and although she has help in a German girl the hardest parts she does herself. Aunt has been knitting some for the Soldiers and constantly wishing the War was over. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." and yet we must trust in Him & lean not to our own understanding "His

"Way is perfect and His promise is that all things
shall work together for good to them that love God
what we know not now we shall know hereafter
let us then not live by sight. but by faith for after
all this is the Victory that overcometh the world
even our faith you note the Poet we say
"Faith lends its realizing light
The clouds disperse the shadows fly
The invisible appears in sight
And God is seen by mortal eye

May you dear Cousin realize its mighty power
and confidently trust in Him who says "I will
"never leave thee or forsake thee and find that
"underneath and around thee are the everlasting arms
we are anxious to know all about. And Susan
and family Uncle John & Sister Belle & Charles & Eliza
Lezzie &c. Emma Frank & Anna Susan Debra &c
Richard and all that interests you and would now
close (although I have not written all I would desire)

with "Give to the winds thy fears
"Hope, be undimmed
"God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears
"God shall lift up thy head
"What though thou reelst not
"Yet heaven & earth & hell
"Proclaim God sitteth on the throne Cousin
"And ruleth all things well John

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