

I have written this in great haste at home after waiting all day & now find that I have forgotten to state that your Daguermotype was not brought by Mr. M. Fairbank but was to have been brought by another gentleman after he left your city but he also came away without it and a third person got it in his possession took it to Boston & I believe then received by the Lakes and just as he arrived at his place of business I passed and inquired for it when he opened his trunk & I received the treasure safe it has been much admired and now so much admired it as those for whom it was taken. Cousin Margaret loves household words, and Cousin Margaret would find if she could only come so far to discover it that she has a place in warm hearts. Will not Richard visit us with you, or perhaps if he cannot Uncle John or Brother Alfred or Charlie, some one bring you and spend sometime with us bring the children too if you can.

Good night God Bless you

John L. Sandy

I direct this to the care of your brother as I am not certain if your messenger give me the direction in your letter. I have just found a letter which says No 5 Second Street but I have written the direction care of H. A. Sandy & Co.

PALMER, HANNA & Co.

BANKERS,

N. W. Corner of Wood and Third Streets

Pittsburgh, October 23<sup>d</sup> 1854

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your esteemed favor of Aug 30<sup>th</sup> dated White Plains, was duly received and I expected fully to have answered it in a very few days but almost immediately the Cholera broke out & then with the extreme heat of the weather, sickness among the gentlemen in our office all concurred to prevent my answer. I believe I have never acknowledged the receipt of your valued present this I should have done but do you know I kept waiting for the picture of Emma. I cannot say what I think of the picture more than that I think I have seen some one somewhere that it resembles. O I wish I could see the original. why is it that you talk to me daily and look at me and yet I cannot see you or hear you talk. Ever since the first letter you was so kind to write & the promise so faithfully kept that you would correspond with me all my thoughts with regard to my relatives in New York appear to have been wholly embodied in yourself. I am pleased, indeed I am but not surprised



to learn that my dear wife won her way right to your  
hearts. Oh! what a treasure she has been to me. and how  
much I owe her under a kind Providence. the remark has  
more than once been made in my hearing that what of  
health I enjoy as well of years that have been almost  
miraculously added to my life I owe by Gods blessing  
to her kind care of me. With regard to your earnest and  
kind invitation to visit you nothing would give me and  
my dear wife <sup>so much earthly enjoyment</sup> but how can we our family is now  
composed of myself wife two nieces & a little nephew (8 years  
old. whom we have just received from the country where he  
has been since a short time before the death of his mother)  
he is now at home and as fine a little fellow as one  
could desire in most respects. our change then equals  
yours only you have less of years than we.  
give Lizzy <sup>Hornwell</sup> our warmest love & kindest wishes for her  
health & happiness. Also give Aunt Susan Bonnell. Uncle  
John Sands Aunt Rosanna Ruff & c. but dear Boy  
this letter writing is so slow a way of communicating thoughts  
I wish you was at my side I would delight to have  
a proof of your being a great talker. and it may  
be I might be able to do something of that myself  
for I sometimes give proofs of such demonstrativeness  
that the very children tell their parents after Sunday  
School that Mr Sands talked to them and told

a fresh story. but let us not let vain regrets enter  
into our hearts if it is designed that we meet not  
till we live in the constant hope of meeting in that  
better world where all is life & joy & peace and  
pleasure without end. Our Heavenly Father would  
have us seek our all in Him our souls are so  
constituted that nothing short of God can satisfy  
their enlarged desires all of earth is too small for  
their immortal cravings they are ever grasping after  
infinity and we are constrained to say this only  
"this do I desire and give up all the rest"  
May you find your all in God through Jesus  
let husband & children with friends and all lifes  
blessings be but helps to assist your soul to love  
the Lord your God with all your heart with  
all your mind & with all your strength. and may  
the Lord give you all your hearts desire with regard  
to all you love best. So that in that better world you  
may at last in the possession of salvation of all  
you loved on earth. Poor be praising Him. Oh! what  
a thought to be saved & to have all we most loved  
in earth all all saved in Heaven. what shall  
we not be willing to do or suffer for such a  
consummation. God can accomplish all this & will  
if we be not faithless but believing write soon to  
Cousin John