

New York January 16th 1855.

My dear Brother

Mr. Gordon told Theodore yesterday that a vessel was to sail for Canton from Charleston and that he would send anything on for us if we wished him to. We had a letter from the children yesterday their vacation had ended and they spent it very pleasantly. We have not heard from Sanders very lately. The last letter that we had from him was written at Genoa he was going to Palermo, and from there, home, he thought he should be home in February. We have had some very cold weather this winter, but it is now warmer again, the sleighing last more than a week and that is very uncommon for New York. Kate and Sarah went with the Skimmerhous sleighing. We have got a hall stove, the pipe is ~~led~~ led through the garret into the back bed room chimney it makes the house very comfortable so much

so that we do not have fire any where else
Aunt Paris told me to tell you that she expected
you would come home quite a rich man, and that
you must be very careful of your health for ~~it is~~
the climate there is unhealthy.

Cousin Helen has come to stay here this winter I believe
she is copying for Uncle Washington. our house is never
empty for as fast as one goes, another comes. Father
has but four of his children home with him this
winter, but we have not a spare room for all.

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he said it was very cold there so that their bread
froze. Edgar is still at Baltimore I believe. he intends
to remain there until Spring I think it was very a
great deal better that she was not there this winter
(I mean Amanda) for she is used to a warm climate
in winter and it is very cold at Lancaster.

You must excuse my not having written a longer
^{call it a} scrawl for I cannot ~~send~~ letters, for it is written so
badly. I was called down stairs and I have not
time to finish it as Theodore is waiting to take. I was
going to ~~take~~ take it up but they will not let

me as it is written so bad and all that but I will
try to write a better letter next time I hope you
will write to me, for I have not had one letter
from you since you left home. Grandmother
Mamma and all send their love to you, and
Your affectionate Sister Sarah

P.S. I forgot to tell you that Uncle Henry &
his house in Beaver Street for twenty thousand dollars
she is building in eight street, they move in May.
Grandmother has not been well for some time past.
I think she is failing ~~fast~~ but she was better
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