

Home.

February 4th 1864

Dear Cousin Sallie,

I rec'd a few days since
the paper you sent me, for which
please accept my thanks. I admire
the poetry by Bryant, very much and
have read it several times. I think
I can appreciate it fully, - how dear
it is to me that my health is
again returning to me. I could not
help but think when I read it, of the
time when first we met, and the im-
pression that I formed then, & which
has been growing stronger ever since.

You perhaps may wonder when you
receive this that I should write so
soon, but will trust all to your
noble & generous heart. Since we parted

at Uncle Lecks, I have had no peace of
mind or heart ~~and~~ ^{and} can keep the secret
no longer. Dear Cousin, will you be
my wife. God only knows how dearly
I love you, I wish you my Cup will
be full to overflowing. - Dear Lallies
I can not give you up. I have wept &
prayed that you might be mine, Oh!
I can not give you up. Say that you
will be mine, and may Gods blessing
be upon us. You may think it strange
that I should not have offered myself
while you were here, I should have
done so had my health been better.

I can not offer you as much of this
worlds goods as many, but trust I can
as true and honest a heart as any.

The Change may seem great to
you, should you accept my offer
but God strengthening my arm I will
do all for you. I can not write more,
my thoughts run wild, but will
trust all to you. Generous heart

Too decree. please remember me
affectionately to all, and answer
me soon I remain truly your
loving and affectionate Cousin
Lam.

P.S. Please send me your
Photograph. I will send you the one I
promised you, soon.

Dear Mother
I received your letter
of the 10th and was
glad to hear from
you. I am well and
hope these few lines
will find you the same.

Yours affectionately,
John Doe

Enclosed for you
are some photographs
of the children.

E. Broadland
Feb 8

Feb 7, 1864

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Answered