

December 30. 1850

Palmyra Iowa

Dear Brother I have
been trying all day to get time to
answer your letter P. and Edith
is up and there has been a house full
of young folks here all day but they
have gone to singing to night
we spent Christmas at Chariton
Will you wanted to know how much
I would give to see I would have give
you a ²⁰ gold piece to have had you
here that is a fake report about
Ann. and John Kane he was
down Christmas but he had to
take no for an answer and I am
glad of it for I know that she
could do better Will you ask
me for my advice what to do if
I were in your place I think you

you are capable of choosing for your
self if Nora is your choice we mind
about being rich nor never let any
thing or any one separate you if you
love Nora I love her to and you
will be welcomed to our home as a
Brother and Sister and we will
do all that is in our power to do
for you Mart did not get his
money from New York or we
would have sent you money Pa
did not raise any corn to amount
to any thing We let him have some
money you need not worry about
paying that money till next fall
we are not in any hurry for it
Will if you and Nora has good health
and you both have a good
education why need complain I
will assure you that if you both
work each one for the others interest
that all will be right and as we all
know that we cannot go through this

world but once and why not enjoy
life to gather I wish you both a happy
New year and I would like to see you
both before the year of 1854 closes Will
if you let Nora read my letter
I want to excuse my writing I
have been suffering with Neuralgia
in my head and I will close
for this time Mart said to tell
you that you had his best wishes
and to write some to him in
my letters Write soon

Yours
Emma Webb