SIDE ONE

I received also a very affectionate letter from Brother Galloway. I think it not unlikely he may have written to you also. He has sold his Barque Bluewing and designs to withdraw from the Coffee trade, keeping only the James Chester & his interest in the John Clark, and not engaging in mercantile pursuits except to charter these vessels. I am truly glad to hear it, and yet there is a dark feeling of regret also at the idea of an end of his business — How strangely does it foreshadow that other end to which he is hastening. The shades of the evening of this day which now render it difficult for me to write, are not more certainly about us, than the shadows of our day of life — a few very few years — and the place which knows us will know us no more. But beyond this vale of tears

There is a life of love
Unmeasured by the flight of years
And all that life is love

Love has been the characteristic of the connexion between Galloway & yours & myself as united to you, here — It will not be less so there

Your aff.te husband
Amos Adams

Philadelphia Sept 22 1861

I spent a most blessed evening with the dear children on 8th day week. Monday morning I had severe headache to that extent that I was obliged to keep quietly the pleasure of spiritual converse and communion with dear Israel and Annie — "One day in thy blest place &c." They are growing in grace and love — Aspinwall & Dr has lost his child.

My Dear Wife

The close of another week marks a step further in our pilgrimage, and brings probably nearer the time when we both are to be reunited, after our summer separation. Oh it is sweet only in the quiet of our own home! But — never mind — we will be happy in our lot, and not forget our blessings; nor mar our enjoyment by unavailing regrets — The feeling of gratitude for our abounding mercies and numberless blessings, should chase away every murmuring and rebellious thought. The love of our dear children for each other and for us — the kindly relations subsisting between them, their earnest effort to please us — and the comfort which God has provided for them notwithstanding our unworthiness — and the manner in which He overruling providence has wisely brought even present good out of the circumstances which have caused us to be just as we are — are all so many calls upon us for gratitude, and should shut out any murmuring & rebellious feeling. Indeed the thoughts which present