

5/21/20 1834 Canal

Dear Bertha and Carlisle;  
 If it were not for mamma  
 letting you hear from me  
 you would have decided  
 on this that I have gone  
 up to see St Peter, but  
 not so; I am feeling  
 better each day in fact  
 I have almost regained  
 my strength entirely.  
 I walk 15 or 20 blocks.



at a time without any inconvenience, and am working almost all the time. My trouble was, nothing like so serious as was first thought. The malaria gave it such an ugly picture. When you see me again I will be the same stout old fellow that I have been for so many years. I am enjoying my work each day and if it were not for that you would soon see my back at home. Dr. Strozier is taking his meals at the same place as my and he expects Mary over in some ten days. Strozier is a very fine fellow.



How are you, and Carlisle?  
I trust that all is going  
well, and that both  
of you are entirely well.  
Tell Carlisle, that I will  
have to ask him to  
love you, some for me.  
Please don't wait as long  
as I have about writing.  
I will kiss you good  
night. Lots and lots of  
love for you both yours