

Burke, Thursday morning

Dear Sister

I write a few lines to let you know that we think mother a little better though she is still very sick. You perhaps know when she was with you that she was failing the disease in her arms has gone over her chest lungs and we think has extended into her bowels partially. The Dr says her heart is bad at one time dropsy threatened but that has passed by and left the valves partially non-contracting they gather the blood and open all at once instead of slowly. The circulation is bad owing to this and a disease of the smaller blood