

President Wood's sermon to grand better, was in Church last Sabbath, for the first time in many months.

Burlington Jan 6th 1862

Hon^{ble} J^r Mark

Dear Sir

Your very friendly letter of Nov 11th was rec'd in due time, We were very much pleased to hear that you had spent so pleasant a summer and sincerely hope you may find nothing during your stay in a foreign land to make time pass more unpleasantly with you.

You mention having made several very pleasant trips into the Alps. I know you must have enjoyed it exceedingly, especially the trip when Mrs Mark was carried over the ice among the clouds. How I should have enjoyed being one of the party on that trip, but my excursions are and I fear always will be, pretty much all made between the corner of Pearl & Church & College & Church streets, I can make that excursion without a guide.

You speak of Mrs Mark's next adventures likely to be a trip in a balloon from the top of Mt Blanc. If that does not come off before this reaches you, please ask her to slip over this side the water when she gets fairly started and see "the old folks at home". We should like also to have her bring Carrie & yourself along as passengers.

I wish it were possible for me to write