

Camp Douglas

Chicago Ill.

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My dear Wife

I was on duty yesterday (Sunday) as Officer of the day. Therefore I did not get time to write you but as I am now relieved I will commence the first thing since I last wrote I have received two letters from you, one yesterday morning I was glad to hear you are getting along well and I hope you may continue to, at any rate although you sometimes think yourself incompetent to take the charge of the children entirely I am perfectly at ease as far as that is concerned for I know you will teach them nothing wrong and I think your government is better than that of women in general and I hope you will not get discouraged nor let things trouble your mind in that respect, and I believe that I will be permitted to be with you yet and aid you in raising up our little ones and spend many a happy day with each other in our quiet little home and may God grant that the time may not be far distant, It appears that Carrie was quite elated on receiving her picture and I presume Tom was vexed on receiving his I am going down to the city to night and will buy one of Tom's books for Mother and send it in my next letter. I will order a few more of mine and send you some

If you conclude to go to St. Louis you can get \$25 at the bank in case we are not paid off soon
I think you had better make them a cross if you feel able to stand the fatigue