

to living ^{with} you as he is a very bright
managing fellow, & would take
good care of you whole place, but
it would hardly be possible as he
has a little piece of his own in
Orange Co. & seems devoted to
farming. Bro Gage is still here
trying to sell his Texas lands - I
do not think he has met with
much success, as he has been after
Samuel to take some ^{say} & thought
he would be his last work. He is
a real nice fellow, & from what he
says must be making money - He
preached for us, a very good sermon
bearing the Bro. Lykes & Bro. Gano
who it he interspersed very thickly
through his sermon - There is a Mrs.
Thompson here a young woman whose
mother is a member of the main

261 W 52nd St
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My Dear Brother,

You do not know how
glad I was to get your letter, as it
seemed the best assurance I could
have that you were getting out of
the slough of disease, that has
seemed ready for months to engulf
you. What a terrible time you have
had - & what suffering you must
have endured. The joy in your
returning health, & hope you may
be better here on than you have
been for a long time - And I am
sure you deserve all the good health
you can enjoy, for only your pluck
and endurance brought you safely