

Sept. 7, 1900

My Dear Carroll:

I can't begin to tell you how delighted I was to hear, through cable from Dr. Kean, that you are better. Thank heaven for that much. Do pray keep up your courage & pull through. It is not necessary for me to tell you that I have been utterly wretched & unhappy over the news of your sickness. Your many friends in Washington are so very anxious about you. When I told Hagner this morning that you were better, he clapped his hands through the telephone & said 'Oh, Dr. Reed, I never was so glad to hear anything in my life"! Mrs. Carroll, though shocked, bears the news like the brave woman that she is. Your children are all well, but know nothing of your sickness. Again, thank God for your improvement – Keep up the good work – Love to Drs Lazear and Agramonte who have so nobly cared for you.

Affectionately,

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