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*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*—JOHN III, 16.

Chestnutt Hill
Hospital June 11th
1865

Dear Mother

"It is very warm and pleasent weather here at present — It is so warm here that it is not comfortable — the ~~crorops~~ crops are looking very fine — ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~. Corn is very small for this season of the year weather but this warm weather makes it grow ~~very~~ very fast — The farmers ~~[illegible]~~ around here have commenced haying — Some of them commenced ~~[illegible]~~

~~weeks ago~~ — ten days ago
I am enjoying the very best
of health — And should ~~I~~
feel rather discontented
had I not the benifits of a
first rate library —

We have an exilent
library containing some
very choice works in this
hospital which ~~the~~ ~~g~~ has
been furnished the good
citizens of Phelidelphia —

The people of Phelidel-
phia have always been
highly commended for
their kindness to union
soldiers and they are
entitled to all of the
praise they receive —

The citizens keep up
a hospital at their ~~own~~
own expence for sick and

wounded soldiers — ~~in~~
I was in their and rem-
mained ~~the~~ over night ~~they~~
~~f~~ when I came from Wash-
ington — They give the sol-
diers the very best of fare —
They also keep up several
saloons in the city where
a soldier may go and ~~get~~
get his meals and ~~temporary~~ temporary
lodging free of charge —
We fare first cute in
this hospital — It is the
best government hospital
that I have been in and they
are good I have no fault
to find — Some find fault
with the fare and say they
do not get enough to eat
but there cause for it, for
We are furnished enough to
eat and that which is good
enough — but some would

complain if they were placed in the very best of circumstances — They are discharging the men in this hospital as ~~fast~~ as fast as possible — They discharged some six or seven hundred last week — They have ~~the~~ ~~dike~~ taken my name for discharging — and will be discharged as soon as they ~~[illegible]~~ come to it, ~~[illegible]~~ which will be in the course of ~~two~~ ~~or~~ three ~~or~~ four ~~t~~ weeks — I have not heard from home in ~~[illegible]~~ nearly a month — I have no more to write so I will close hoping to hear from you soon

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