

Curtisville April 12. 53

Dear Mother

Paul's & Luc's letters of Jan say they do not wish me to answer them nor will they write again as they alledge I did not come home at the time promised but indeed dear Mother 'twas impossible for me to do so for a number of reasons which I ^{mentioned} in my last letter. I will not mention any time again but will come as soon as can make arrangements as I am most anxious to see you all again & soon P & P I know do not expect me to believe all they say about not writing &c but still dear sisters you might just as well fill yr letters with something more pleasant. Will Jennie also stop or has she already stopped writing. received letters from J King & Mr Gilpin which will answer soon (proe tions).

Have had ~~great~~ excitement here since Sunday an englishman struck a rich lead and has taken out from forty to one hundred lbs of gold {my turn next maybe}

Dr Mother

April 20th

you will perceive by the date that
this letter has been a long time on the
stock but indeed I have tried to write^{it}
a dozen without finishing any so conclude
to send this as being better than none
as am in low spirits (got the dumps)
home sick, bad luck. &c know of
nothing to interest you my love
to you to you all all all all
am in good health and will be
home just as soon as I possibly can

your affec^{ion} Dav