

There is a terrible
fine raging in the
Eastern portion of
the City - but is
now under control.
The Bro John
he ought to see
with a fine
once & then I
dune say his
Name for being
"Boy in Red" would
play out.

J. W. Sheerer & Co.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

Nos. 46 & 50 Gravier and 24 & 28 Peters Street. (late New Levee.)

New Orleans; Jan 31st 1873

Mrs S. Caldwell
Jacksonville, Ala.

My Dear Mother

A severe attack of the "Epizootic" has prevented an earlier response to your valued letter received some days since, I am happy to state that at present writing I am much better, but have been very sick since last Saturday. I was caught in a heavy shower without my Umbrella - & became thoroughly drenched with rain, which was the cause of my sickness. Mr Sheerer, noticing that I was not well - called me to his Desk & bade me go to my room & stay there until I was recovered, to which I very willingly consented; it is a great pleasure to work for such a man as Mr. S. who has a kind heart, and holds his employees as equals & not inferiors. I have made arrangements to move my boarding house or rather change my place & mode of living. I shall board in a private family, which is much more desirable than a public boarding house & will cost me less money. My new home will be on St Charles St - at Mr & Mrs Berry's - and is in ten minutes walk of the store & only one square from St Palmers new Church. The family is a very wealthy one - the members cultivated & refined & the house is "Magnificent", you know I always look for good "lodgings".

But I will close this note in order to get it in the evening's mail, & will write more

Walter