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Dear Father

I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you sooner but I have been in bed with measles for the las 10 days I was very sick with them for two days I was taken very good care of by Mrs. John my landlady Dr Barnet tended me He says that I cannot go out of my room for a week yet for fear of catching cold. It is triing on the patience to stay in one room 2 week all by himself except students they call in my room a goodell [good deal] I suppose the House had a good time over the fall of fort Donelson and the occupation of Nashville we did hear we went around with 4 or 5 drums and tin pans and serenaded evry person in town The students had a procession here on the 22th I see you are doing great deal business in the house now I don't here any thing of Uncle Chaly now he seams to fell in shade with the papers I hope that fishing law will be put in force again they say thair are taking all fish out the miami I gess I will have to stop here as I am not very [s]trong I hope you will write

Your affectionate sun
Stephen Patterson