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Oxford March 3rd 62

Dear Father

I hoped you will excuse me for not
writing to you sooner but I have
been in bed with the measles for
the last 10 days. I was very sick with
them for 2 days I was taken very
good care of by Mrs John my
landlady. Dr Barnett tended me.
He says that I cannot go out of my
room for a week yet for fear of
catching cold. It is trying on the
patience to stay in one room 2 weeks
all by himself except students they
cackle in my room a good deal I
suppose the House had a good time
over the fall of fort Donelson and the
occupation of Nashville we did here we
went around with 4 or 5 drums and
tire pans and serenaded every 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 seems 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 guess I will have to stop
here as I am not very strong I hope
you will write

Your affectionate sure

Stephen Patterson