

Albany, December 6th

Dear Parents

I thought I would send a few lines to you so that you could get them this week. I thought they were much better and on the game very fast. The spots have mostly gone off from me and I shall not have to be any bed any more. They all say that no one has had them so lightly as myself for which I am very ~~very~~ thankful. I am sure I am just as careful as any one could be and have been all the while. When I went out on Saturday, the principal doctor advised me to, so I went. Your letters which you mail in the morning get to me at seven o'clock in the evening so I get fresh news every day, while you are one day behind. Our ~~brother~~ ~~brother~~ ~~brother~~ goes to the office every night and then comes and makes me a long visit. All the Berkshire boys except the little drummer, are sick here or at home. 3 Pittsfield boys are at home now, & are pretty sick. You mention my not saying any thing about the money. I supposed I did. I am very much obliged to you for it, & I think I will get me a ~~scarf~~ ~~blanket~~ with it as all the rest of the company have got them for themselves, & it may be the means of saving me many a bad cold & wet back. I got me a ~~good~~ ~~good~~ good black vest on Thanksgiving day, and it is very warm and nice. It buttons clear up to my throat

and answers a very good purpose. I paid
\$ 1.75 for it, and I think it was very
cheap. Mr Savain is going out to Pittsfield
tomorrow if he can and perhaps he may run
~~down and stop in~~

hope he will as I think you will like
him. I was glad to find a letter for Miss
Carey & will give to her as soon as she comes
in. She is a noble lady in every sense of
the word. Hoping to hear from you every
day I must wind up. and may Providence
~~keep and bless you all in the prayer~~
your ever loving son

Fred.

Kiss Carrie as many times as you can
conveniently for me. Love to all.
Fred

Please excuse this pencil writing because
I can get no ink here.