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Dear Father:

After so long a time I will take my pen to write a few lines in answer to your kind letter. I was glad to hear from you and that your health is as good as you write; as to ~~you~~ my own health I am better than I was one week ago; I have not been sick but a little unwell by times; if I can get a little stronger I can take a rebel by the heels and throw him up & lodge him in the limbs of a tree and hang him by the neck til he is dead, dead, dead. I have got over my dyseria and feel well now. I went to the Surgeon twice and then I quit and doctored myself,