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Dear Mother.

Oxford Oct 25

I received your letter last week. And was sorry to hear of Steve's bad luck. I hope he has found it by this time. But it could not be helped. The best way is to think the best of it. It was not like losing \$1.50 in money. I am coming on pretty well here so far. Miss Mary Hall had a musical entertainment the other night at her house. She invited about twenty students I among the number. We had quite a pleasant time. She is going to have another one in a week or two. She has not heard of her trunk yet. I am not going to bother much with it I know that. Last Tuesday night some of the students took the Doctors stand and the chairs of the chapel down to the institute. Doctor was furious

over it. But I see they are
in Chapel this morning. As
paper is pretty scarce I cant
afford but a half sheet.
The Chapel bell is ringing
and I must quit

From your Son

John H Patterson