

[Mar 1863?]

Capt. H. Pickenspaugh
Dear friend

remembering

that a letter is due you, as I
have the pleasure of acknowledging
your favors of the 23^d ult.,
— bearing the very welcome news
that you had recovered health,
which I hope you will not have
occasion to do again.

I am selfish enough to envy
you those nice serenades, had
not a bountiful providence
similarly supplied the swamps
of Old Hoosier. We are going
to a school exhibition, Don't you
wish you could be there—'cause

you might immortalize yourself
by the flaming rehearsal of
"Twinkle, twinkle little Star"

Predict that the appalling effect
on the astounded audience would
be terrific

The miniature I promised to send
you never came. The same week
that you went away. I went
to town intending to comply
agreement and the artist was
gone. I was sorry to have you
think I told such fibs; but I
~~was~~ deferred mentioning it
waiting for another chance to
send you one of those beauties;
which I know you are so anxious
to possess.

As to writing to you once a
week or oftener I should consider
no trouble, and will certainly
answer every letter I receive; For
the ^{of} ^{please} hearing from you incom

parably counteracts my prejudice
against said amusement,

Saw Prof Byrne and George
yesterday. They have been having
a nice time with the measles - all
have recovered except Hy - he
says he is just feigning ill
health to escape the conscription.

After affixing the chorus. "Please
write soon" I remain,

Yours,

Molles

P. S. Can you tell me
where the 17th Ohio Reg is?



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