

Massons Island Ohio
February 24th 1865

Dear Cousin

Your letter dated 16th came to hand yesterday I am now prepared to say I am now well and am enjoying myself finely over the prospect of an Early Exchange. My chance will be very good to go with the first lot of Gettysburg Prisoners as they are the first Captives in July 1863. Some two or three hundred have already left this Place for Exchange. I am not aware when my time will come but hope very soon for I am very anxious for Exchange. That I may get home once more. The weather is much better than it has been for some time the ice I think will break up very soon and then the boat can come from Sandusky. I am anxiously looking for your and your Mamma's cards and hope I will not be disappointed. The Papers never come in but I think they will be in next mail as they have to be Examined by Capt. Manor of the 128th Regt. I am under many obligations to you for them as I have nothing to read and having read the books you sent me sometime ago: makes me somewhat lonesome. The books you sent me I think were very good. I read Nicholas Nickleby and found him nady always, ready to redress the aggrieved. I shall look for a letter from you very soon.

Truly Your Friend & Cousin
Thomas H. B. Dwyer