[on Treasury Department stationery]

July 21st 1863

Dear Madam

I saw your Son Oscar last night. he desired me to write to you and Say that he has not much hope of recovery but that he feels entirely reconciled to depart and be with Christ which is far better he believes & feels than to remain longer here. When his "Father" calls him he is (he says) entirely willing & prepared to go to the home of many mansions.

He mentions having given a friend \$25 to send to you a few days since. have you received it? Write to him at once as he is very anxious to hear from you. direct to him at Armory Square Hospital, Ward K. he will have every attention but I I cannot hold out much hopes of his recovery he is growing weaker daily

Very truly yours

A J Pratt

To Mrs. Sally D Wilber Allegany N.Y.