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Keon Lake

Dec. 14. 1858

My dear Aunt Sue,

I did not want it to be so long, before I wrote to you. I have had as you may imagine various kind of reasons but I do not intend to allow minor pleasures or troubles, to prevent my using the blessed privilege of hearing directly from my heart friends, and in that small list I place my dear little Aunt. I have been getting along quite easily & pleasantly with my Company - had the weather been good our gentlemen would have been in Camp nearly all the time, as it is & has been they have been with us almost half the time but are now out although it has been raining steadily for two days, they are only about 8 or 9 miles or more no telling when they ex. now.

Miss Emma & Sally like each other
very much. they are in the Parlor now
Con. singing away & I can't help but
listen. I wish she would stop until I
finish; Dinah is sitting by our ready for
bed. I have just given her orders not
to say another word to me. So do not
wonder if my thoughts are incoherent -
But Aunt Sue you will let me write
to you just as I would talk, and you
know that is always somewhat scattering -
What good? I have ^{been} trying to think what
your first question, or serious inquiry would
be if I were sitting close beside you,
and I think it would be, What have
you been doing for your precious Saviour
are you drawing closer or going away
from him? Almost standing still I am
afraid, but not going away, no. if I
knew my own heart I had rather die -
than willingly go away even for a time -
But Aunt Sue, there is so much of Martha
in me I am so troubled about many things

it seems impossible for one to forget every
thing but God any time, and much less
the time I have appointed. The flesh
forms many excuses, such as house-hold
derangements of every kind, sickness of ser-
vants, company &c. — these things have
made great demands on my time, par-
ticularly in Mr Gordon's absence — but
why cannot I leave them all to Him —
I am willing to give up all, but to
lift up my thoughts and forget for
a time seems impossible and yet my
Conscience whispers even while I write
"Nothing is impossible to him that believeth."
My constant prayer is Lord save or
I perish. — I know Aunt Sue that you
remember me, and it is sweet to think so —
Oh! strive for me Aunt Sue that I faint
not — surely I will be as a brand from
the burning, but Blessed be my Heavenly
Father I know & feel that His sailing
to sea to the uttermost all who come to
Him — — I have twice tried to read and

explain to my servants. It did me good
and I intend to keep it up with God's help,
I think He did assist me each time

We have all been to hear a Catholic Priest
who came to preach to the Irish on the Snow
his text was "What shall it profit a man
if it was a good plain earnest sermon
with a very intelligent & rather plausible
setting forth of his doctrine. Mr Gordon
said he was converted except about
purgatory the doctrinal part and for our
benefit entirely the Irish were delighted
at our going the Mr McSwine went
with us. They call me that pretty good
lady — we are not at all troubled by
them and can get delightful bread
from them any time a great comfort I
assure you — we have had plenty of Deer
meat and wild duck until we turn
up our noses at them —

Give a great deal of love to George & Eddie
for me. Tell the former I sincerely hope
he may get away from pantolooc. and stay
away until he wants to come back as bad
as he now wants to go — Sally & Dinah both send
love — write very soon and a long letter
C. V. Gordon

Letta Miss }
Dec 16th 1858 }



Glover, Columbus

Mrs. Hugh P. Keller
Pentotoc
Miss—