

to look upon - He is sincerely beloved - I want
to preserve the pen
to speak of my
friends without
saying more
for the
love of God
I have not yet
received your letter
I am glad to
hear you are
well
My dear friends
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Mr Denton will convey this letter
to thee & receive a kindly greeting
while they tell thee what they
love of us here - I am glad
to give them a line because
they will have pleasure in
the presence of good & loyal
friends of ours, who will greatly
appreciate the acquaintance
and can tell thee much of what
we have been doing - Sally is
in Boston now, where they reside
she has seen much of them.

And we are anxious to render
them service, for we have
my mind to be grateful for
to their brother Dr Hearn
of Boston, whom we happened
to meet whilst in hospital
service - He was devoted to
Soldiers & Contrabands & other -
-roughly loyal that we both hon-
-ored & respected him - a
Man of genuine worth whose
every day intercourse through
a long & trying bygone at
Point Look out, charmed
life, and made us at rest
& happy in the darkest days.

This year from the
beginning has had its trials.

Jammy found me a good deal worse out
and Hebrany brought Ann's very hard work -
Lucy had been laid in its worst form -
I devoted myself to the nursing of her,
which was the heaviest experience of the kind
that has ever fallen to my lot - so extremely
ill that I believe none other than her father
& mother could have saved her - I was resolved
she should get well & she did - and then
will look sadly, for I see the non-just
as they will be seen, when reading the fact

that the lock will bear
tuff glazen hair, was obliged
to have it shown & appear
in his cap - The lead of
the trials, when we consider
how near she was to leaving
as forever - A year will
in all probability restore her
to her former condition -

Since my last
come to Mr Bigelow - I read
myself of his address on
the occasion of our dear
President's death - how beau-
tiful it was - to all speak
it - and all our friends
of our honored Minister
whom every true American
& foreigner ^{as well} must delight