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Camp of the 23rd Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Bowling Green, KY, May 14th 1863

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finishing the monthly returns. Everyone was glad to see me back and I was welcomed by the whole regiment more warmly than I expected. I laid over Sunday in Michigan City *{MN}* and left there that night. I did not expect to find the regiment here; ~~but~~ the orders were not issued to march yet, only to be ready at 30 minutes notice. Well, everything is packed up and we're ready to march. I do not think we will march for some time yet as we are needed here to take care of this place and guard trains to Nashville *{TN}*; however, we are all liable to march any time. I hope you feel better since I gave you a short visit. I would like to

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have stayed longer but I could not. I am thankful for what time I did have and I feel well repaid for my expenses and I hope you do too. I did not begin to seem as hard to go away this time as it did the first time for I knew where I was going and what I had to do, and as the new are good and encouraging and I hope the war will not last a great while longer. Take good care of our darling child and give my best regards to all inquiring friends and write soon to

Your Affectionate Husband,

D. D. Keeler

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