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Dear Friend Aurelia

Will you excuse my  
negligance in not replying to your letter? I  
think you will, when I tell what a time  
I have had since you were here The 9<sup>th</sup> of  
July I went a riding with Elijah Deboe  
& wife, His horse got frightened and I jumped  
out of the buggy without any one to help me  
(a thing I have not done for years) it broke  
my right foot in two places, I can get around  
a little now, But it is hard work I can tell you  
It has been a dear job for me, besides the pain  
I suffered. I have kept a girl ever since. I  
have <sup>been</sup> the most discouraged about living this  
year that I have any <sup>time</sup> since Husbands death.  
I do feel some times as though I could not  
keep <sup>up</sup> under my cares & poor health much longer