

From your brother's friend which you can
find on the second

Camp Douglas
Chicago Ill. Jan 7th 1863

Dear Maria

It is Sunday and I can't
spend an hour any more pleasantly
than in writing you a few lines
I attended Church this forenoon at the
Baptist Church and heard an Excellent
^{sermon} from Elder Knapp the Celebrated Revivalist
this is the first time I have attended
Church since I got back and I am
so much pleased with this man I
think I will go down this eve and hear
him again After Church I went out
on to the Lake Shore and strolled around
for an hour or more and in the time
visited the grave of the Hon. Stephen Douglas
On my way down to Church I stopped and
saw two large Buffaloes that are kept
here and I found them worth looking at
also a large ox which weighs 3400 lbs
that is a little ahead of anything I ever
saw in Vermont - I went down to the
Express office yesterday to see if that
envelope had arrived there but it had
not and the Sup^r says he must have
it before anything can be done about it
so if you have not already got it and sent
it to ^{me} you had better as soon as possible
for without it I can receive nothing
and probably not then without it shows
that it has been opened but I have
no doubt as to that as it must have