

Montreal Dec 22nd 1863

Dear Kate

I sit down to write you
but a few lines in acknowledgment
of your letter of the Lucy's
picture & little Sam's -

Your baby is a dear sweet little
fellow & very pretty. You must
give him many kisses for me when
I would like to give in person -

I have sent the little box contain-
ing Lucy's & Susie's hair to New
York by private hand, to be sent
from there by express. I would
have paid the express but did
not know how much it would be.

I can not hope to have my
dear husband long with me Kate,
he is confined to his bed all the
time except to have it made up
night & morning. He is the