

Camp in the field near Waitakarua 7th Dec 3^d 1864

My dear Wife:-

I received to day your letter of Nov 25th, describing your visit to Lucien. It made me feel very sad to think that he is so low and that in all probability I shall never see him again. You must know that a load has been lifted from my mind by the knowledge that he has. Though late seen that we were not to blame for any thing that occurred, and that he was ready and willing to make all friendly again. It must have been a happy - as well as a very sad moment to you to have him express himself feelingly towards you. Providence has interposed that I shall not see him again upon earth, and the thought gives me pain. But the hope that we may meet before our God in Heaven were all are sure as they are, has a softening

It would be impossible for me to write any thing at present about Lucien. I know nothing when I am going to or