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388 Sixth St. Detroit

Dec. 23. 1872

My dear Mrs Aldrich

I was very glad to get your letter, but cannot enjoy answering it, as I fear what I must write will be a sad disappointment to you. I have no late picture of Richard. He designed giving me one in exchange for the one you mentioned, but was so busy before leaving Parma, neglected to sit for it. He mentioned it the last time I saw him, and said

if possible he would get over  
before going South, but failed  
again. I requested this on  
my own account before, but  
very much more now on yours.

A good picture would be a  
great comfort to you.

I did appreciate Richard's  
"good qualities" - for years he  
was the dearest friend my  
heart knew. I placed implicit  
confidence in him - and his  
noble manly nature, good true  
heart, and life of exemplary  
purity have always been my  
admiration - and I do not  
think there is any one, knowing  
him aright, that could fail  
to admire and love him.

Yours is a sad, sad loss, and

I cannot express the sympathy  
I feel. I should like so very  
much to see and talk with  
you, but suppose that can not  
be. Samie unites with me in  
sending warmest love to yourself  
Mr. Aldrich, and Lizzie  
Your faithful and loving  
friend

Julia Barber