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Letter from Ira Lucas to Sarah Sherburne

Wishes to hear from Sarah and talks of the religious life in Pittsfield. Talks of the assassination of Lincoln and of his meeting him and shaking his hand.

Cavalry Corps Hospital
City Pt Va. Apr. 30th /65

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There are many beautiful flowers and running vines here which are new to me.

I write these few lines hoping that they may provoke an answer.

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Yours "Cum multo Amore"

Ira Lucas

To miss S.J.S.

Pittsfield, Ohio

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P.s. Please give my kind regards to all of the family and accept my kindliest to yourself

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