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Dear Mother
I received your kind letter
of the 20th and was glad
to hear from you.

I am well and hope
these few lines will find
you the same. I have
not much news to write
at present.

I have been thinking
much lately of the
future and how I shall
spend my life. I hope
to be able to do
something good for
my fellow men.

I am, dear Mother,
your affectionate son,
John Smith

