

Hamptstead Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> /63

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I have written to you once before this week

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just-as though you would not want to  
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Yours as ever

Evelyn

March 14<sup>th</sup> /03

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I have been reading two very interesting books lately I want to have you read them as I always do anything I like. One is "Becher's lectures to young men" and the other is Fanny Keens book for children entitled "Little Keens"

I like Fanny she is such a friend to children. I should like to have her hear our little Josie talk. The other day she asked me to do something for her and I was busy and told her I could not then. "Oh dear" she said "what shall I do I have asked Grandfather and Grandmother to do it, and I have asked you, and you won't do it? I wish my father and I was busy and told her I could

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