

you don't forget my love - just of J. J.

E Plainfield Apr 29th /63

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soon, I have written a little that I might
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Transcription:

[at top of letter written upside down]
PS I sent you three papers last week

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on your eyes and your children
and no knowing how many others. My
dear boy think of these things seriously
and now while you have the opportunity
seek Christ at the loss of all things
You seem to think my picture repre-
sents me as a great deal fleshier than
when you last saw me, but I was weighed
last winter and I didn't weigh as much
by four pounds as I did in Stamford
but I am quite fleshy, and my health
is very good as a general thing, and your
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ter, or the first, and I think I wrote you
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hope your desires will be gratified, and I
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may be instrumental of much good -

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long since giving us some encouragement that
she would visit us this spring, but I feel
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about this time As ever Your affectionate Mother