

New York
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And now, my brother, before I go before I go let me come, in mind, out once more to your house and see you in the midst of your ~~beloved~~ beloved wife & children

and say Good bye again, a long and
heartfelt goodbye to you all. My heart
is with you and it will be with you, al-
though an ocean may be between us.
Let me be with you one of your household
still - as much as an absent one may be.

It maybe you will never again ever get
a letter from me - and I will say then
do my dear brother, do go on and
grow to be a better and wiser + happier
man every day. Develop your noble
Nature. Give it fair play. Dont shut up
in gloom and neglect where no sunlight
or culture can come to brighten and
to ~~make~~ expand. Cultivate your con-
science and make it your pale^{star}. Erect
absolute unvarying truth, never failing
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not only does kind acts and gives kind
looks and words every day and every
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Manners & conversational powers - both
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gentle kind looks, a gentle kind tone
of voice - gentle words and gentle
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the thing. No noise, no violence no hard-
ness nor harshness in anything. This
is all consistent with the utmost firm-
ness & independence - and indeed is
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both in the greatest perfection. When
I come back my brother you know it will
be a great trial and I shall rely on
you to support me - and you don't know
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as far as may be by that time - ~~and~~ for
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perous around you. My most affectionate
regards to Sister Amelia & the children. Write very often
& direct to me at the city of New York

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ings. I cannot tell when I will
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Most affectionately
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P. S. Do send all Thomas's letters.

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