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To Jas. L. Cutler Jr

My dear son

Your father may fall to-morrow in
 battle. Your mother will keep this & when you are
 old enough to comprehend she will read it to you.
 My dear boy, never do a mean or cowardly act - but
 all your actions be upright, just, reasonable and in
 accordance with the teachings of the Bible which you should
 ever make your guide through life. Be kind to your
 mother - always listen to her advice & never do ought
 towards her save in kindness. She is every thing that a
 pure, virtuous woman can be, as near perfection as any
 human being can be. "Beware of entering into a quarrel,"
 but being in an act like a man in the time course of the
 law. Never take a falsehood - die before doing so under
 any circumstances - Put your trust in God & ever love and
 serve his name. And now my son God bless and
 protect you through life - Farewell.

Your affectionate father
 Jas. L. Cutler