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My dear little Fred.

You bear a noble name
the name of a great & good man
& I hope your little life to
be a brave & noble man of only
that your little name be ashamed
of your religion, never disobey
your conscience, but be faithful
to your duty, your friend your
country & your God.

The only way to be this
is to begin now, by trying
steadily every day to do right
to govern your temper, obey your
parents, be kind to all around you
& do by being faithful in little
things your little name come at last
to great things & be a brave
true noble man.

Yr sincere friend
A. B. Stone.