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[partial letter of unknown origin Apr. 19, 1854 in pencil]

Fleming Ky [Kentucky] April 19/54 [April 19, 1854]

Dear Mother                      I hasten to write you a few lines the health of our family is tolerably good at present as for mini [mine] it is pretty much as usual though some better I am able now to attend to my mild room which gives me great pleasure to do. You never saw a little fellow so proud of my thing as little Travis was of his new book he had memorized too little prayers in it if you could see Henry you would kifs [kiss] him untill [until] he was tired he is so sweet he is beginning [beginning] to crawl and climbing up by chairs. Ma I think and wish for  
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[page 2; reverse in ink in the same handwriting]

the Travelers Prayer

O Lord thou who hast the lives of all men in thy hands, who by thy ever watchful providence dost protect thy people in the hour of danger, graciously vouchsafe to me thy presence, that in my Journeyings I may be kept from the evil influences by which I may be surrounded, from forgetfulnefs [forgetfulness] of thee, and from all accidents and dangers by the way. Order all my steps aright, and let thy abundant mercies surround me, for the sake of Jesus christ thy son and my saviour Amen