

Elm Valley Oct. 25th Sabbath afternoon
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Dear Frederic,

As our good gentlemen did not feel like going to Northampton today, we have been at home. Your father has been troubled a day or two, with a slight stiffness and pain in his neck - and head. Perhaps owing to inaction it has made him more uncomfortable today than before. The weather too has been rather threatening, and for a few days we have kept snug. I have been reading in the Monthly Miscellany, for which I believe I have never given you my thanks I now express to you the satisfaction I derive from reading your piece on a sister's influence. It is sweet to bring back the image of our dear departed ones, believing as we do that their warfare is accomplished and the days of their mourning ended. Though invisible, the thought of their purity and happiness, must have a hallowing influence over us. Mrs. Ellis sermon on the three witnesses I like too very much. We have received the last Western Messenger. I think it the best we have had.

I write these few lines, not because I had nally much to say for I sent a letter on Thursday, but because we are about to send your bundle, and I know you will like to hear a few words enclosed. Mr. Bidder whom you have seen here is going to Boston, and will come tonight for the package.

I hardly feel pleased with the thought that we shall not see you at our annual Festival. I would write to us last week that he should not come again till the week of thanksgiving.

Thouven received yours last evening, as it was directed to him we did not have the perusal of it. - Something interesting no doubt. - May we all be safe and happy under the protection and influence of our Father in heaven, is the constant desire of your affectionate mother Elizabeth -

The time on revival is the miscellany I like much. How I wish parents could feel as the writer seems to. I should like to know who it is.

How do like singing in church. Don't you?

Mr. Frederic L. Huntington

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