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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1842 Apr 25. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 5).

some provision for him in the vicinity of Boston. Charles has been planning a little trip to Spring-^{field} for this week, but of course a call upon your and Helen; but we found yesterday that little Mary was quite sick, therefore with the lung fever, which may prevent their going. Bethies will give her own account of herself - she is not as well as she was writing as I am. - It is growing late. The Lord be with you and yours now and ever.

Most truly your affectionate
mother Elizabeth

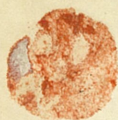
Elm Valley April - 25th 1842 -

My Dear Edward,

I have been looking forward some time to this day (your birth day) as a starting point, on which to resume my part of our correspondence. I find on examining that your last was dated Jan. 13th - I may as well confess the truth and save half the work, as they say in law. But I shall carefully avoid attempting to make an apology - knowing what an utter disgust you feel for these things. Your father was called to Northampton this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Mann. the aged mother of Mrs. Ephraim Clapp. and Bethies and I having a little business to do at the stores, improved this opportunity to ride over. while there we were informed that George Wells of Whately had just an end to his own life today by strangling - we did not learn any of the particulars, excepting that he was missing three hours before they found him. How often and how deeply has Mrs. Wells been called to drink of this cup of sorrow. may she find the consolations of religion neither few nor small.

Mr. Atwood left your letter to Bethies last week, and offered to take one for you this week on his return. Tuesday evening. - I am very sorry to find that Helen's health suffered so much from the kind attentions she paid her friends - we must in future be more careful and by making our visits at different times, avoid the evil of making ourselves burdensome. you kindly enquire after my health, I think it is improving gradually. Instead of complaining, I am sure our hearts should be full of gratitude to God for his multiplied and ceaseless blessings. Let it be our care, faithfully to improve, as well as to enjoy them. I regretted very much that we missed the opportunity of sending you a little letter ^{by} Mr. Smith. should we know of another we will try to improve it. Theodore has been turning about his house on Mount Warner, and making sundry new arrangements. this together with the farm keeps him and his boys very busy. - Thersphus takes quite an interest in the little stranger, and well he may - for he is a pretty little fellow. your father has been obliged to take charge of the pulpit at Northampton for the last and the next Sabbath. in the mean time he is hoping to hear that Andrew has made

Friday evening - after nine. Mr. Atwood does not call - perhaps he has
given us the go by - and perhaps he will call tomorrow - We have
put into the kettle five pounds of butter - two and a half of which
on the top is sent by Theodore. If he is not willing to take it
we shall only be where we are now. Your garden, of which we heard
so much, continues to be an object of interest - when it is finished
do give us a correct and accurate description of it - we purchase
some of the balsam of Fir today - and Balthasar has cut it in the
centre of the circle.



Mr Atwood

Bathurst

Mr Edw. J. Livingston