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Mr. Frederic D. Huntington

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My dear Frederic,

The few days that have passed since you left us, have carried us along very tranquilly and given us opportunity to look over the preceding week - in doing this I find it something like other weeks - a mixture of good and evil - many mercies to be thankful for, and many evils to be lamented. On the sabbath B. Farney and I went to Northampton in the carriage - with Frank for our driver - and we succeeded well - we had a refreshing shower during the intermission and the afternoon service, but it was all over, before we set out for home. Mr. Smith gave us in the morning a very interesting sermon upon these words - To be spiritually minded is life. in the afternoon the sermon was very good, upon these words, Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. During probably to the change of air on the sabbath, I believe I took cold, for Monday night found me when you predicted I should be, soon after your departure - that is, sick in bed - but bathing the feet, and two or three cups of hot sage tea, taken after going into a warm bed again, with a blipping, to work a cure, and the next day I was about as well as usual - and continue to be so. If you undertake to prophesy again, prophesy good and not evil. - Possibly however that you



said might have induced me to <sup>use</sup> prompt and energetic means on the occasion.

Edward returned about three o'clock Saturday, drank tea at Thophilus's and left about five.

It occurred to me after you left us, that the desk of Mary's, which you spoke of taking, was not with ~~the~~ your baggage - the reason of your leaving it was, I suppose, ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> negligence in not taking out the papers and giving it to you. I regret very much that I was so inattentive, but will endeavour to see that you have it, when you next visit us, which will be I hope in a few weeks. - when do you preach the two last sabbaths in August?

I am rather reluctant to give you another errand to the office of the Associate of Peace, but as they appear not to understand how to direct their publications to your brethren, Thophilus wished me to ask you, if you find it convenient, to inform them as to ~~the~~ his name & direct to North-Hadley.

I hardly know when to visit you in my thoughts. The weather has been so cool, that you might be very comfortable in Boston - and by mingling a little among the people of your congregation, you might form a more correct opinion of them and their prospects than you could otherwise. The Lord gives <sup>you</sup> understanding in all things. He who hears the cry of the young ravens, will surely give spiritual light and guidance to his humble praying children.

The Associate of Peace has come - also last evening the last Unitarian tract, by Mr. Motte. Wednesday morning a pamphlet from Mr. Stebbins for you, which your father has

read, and we send on with this. From the Hadley Post Office I hope this will reach you tomorrow - Saturday - and that I shall then hear from you, if not, by Tuesday at farthest. Your father is employing his leisure time in drawing from the stores of Divine Truth, such lessons as may improve and save some souls. Preaching is less fatiguing to him than bodily labour. Bethia amuses herself by making old carpets into a new rug. Thaddeus has a reef from his farming business, and spends his days with the men who are finishing his house. Abel left us yesterday morning for South-Hadley to be gone a week - as he rode off in your sulky which your father offered him for the journey, Elizabeth told him they would take him for a minister. Thophilus is well - his health this summer has been uncommonly good - Eliza took an emetic yesterday to carry off a nausea which has troubled her of late - and it seems to have succeeded admirably. But enough - I will only give you the ~~contents~~ <sup>kind regards</sup> of your friends here, in addition to the unchanging love of your mother Elizabeth.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. and lead thee in the paths of truth and righteousness for his name's sake. Pray for us.