

Elm Valley Oct. 25th 1842.

My dear Frederick, When I wrote to you last week, Mr. Holland expected to have Northampton on Monday morning - we found on the sabbath, that he had deferred his ~~journey~~ till Wednesday, and I therefore send a supplement and chiefly on this account. When Lizzie cut the hair for Edward, we were both in haste, and rather in a flurry. I have since thought that it was not a fair specimen, and send you enclosed some which I should like to have put in as a substitute. As your time must have been much occupied since the ordination, I hope it is not yet set - and even if it should be, I should rather give, myself, a quarter of a dollar, than not have it done. If you will see to it, I will settle it with you.

We are quite patiently waiting, tho' with deep interest, to become acquainted with some of your people. It was a little singular that your father should have been introduced to only one of them. Tell us if you can, something about them. I trust you will find some among them who truly love religion, and are willing and desirous to hold up the hands of their minister. Feeling as you doubtless do that you are not your own, but that you have first devoted yourself to the Lord and then to your people, you will not only preach publicly, but from house to house - and at your presence among them be a powerful reinforcement of heavenly truth, and holy love. - My heart is full of earnest desires for your usefulness, do not wonder if in my age and weakness, I repeat too often the thoughts which press for utterance. After all, it is into the care of heavenly mercy, and boundless goodness, that we can alone pour out our hearts with hope and real comfort. Most truly and affectionately
your mother Elizabeth -

Wednesday morning. B. and I had planned a ride to N. yesterday
but the rain prevented our going, and probably I shall fail of sending
this by Mr. Holland. But as we think of going today - we may find
an opportunity to send it - we shall think of you and Hannah as engaged
at the ordination. Is it the custom to offer the hand three times as
Mr. Coolidge did? We find by the paper that you are to give a lecture
in Boston this season. Don't let them use you all up the first
winter - take care of your health better rise early in the morning
than sit up late at night - your college habits in this respect.
I hope you will not relinquish - the human frame must be refreshed
with sleep - secure it in the early part of the night.



Wm. L. Hunt
to Mr. Hunt
Oct 29

