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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Frederic, 1844 Sept. 5. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 9).

Rev. Frederic D. Huntington

Boston

To the care of Mr. Arthur D. Phelps

Miss Jenkins -

Friday afternoon - Sept. 5th. We had a brother and sister, ^{Mr. & Mrs. G.} Lucinda and sister, who came with us today and just after they left, Helen returned from Babotville. I think she will stay with us a few days, as she would like to see Theodore, and his wife more particularly - we are now expecting them hourly. Since Mr. Fisher's house and carriage have been taken to Annapolis we cannot expect to see Charles and Bettina or the children here very often. I was interrupted half an hour ago in my writing by a call from Mr. & Mrs. Sager and other. ^{Mr. Sager has just finished the balls for today - for it is near our} ^{Donor, I have been hoping you would bring your family to see us before you go back to Boston.} ^{Mr. Sager is very anxious to leave Prof. Eli's study where he is at work after the return that she may see him there - and Mr. Sager has one to make for her - so we have made your coming to the Valley at 12 o'clock. - It is anything - it will be very unfortunate but I must say I want to see you all more particularly - by letter - George.} ^{4 - Thursday -}

You say at the close of your last very satisfactory letter, August 15th, "forgive my egotisms" - If you had been writing to a stranger you might have deemed an egotism necessary; but when you write to your mother, be assured that every thing which is interesting to you & to Annah and dear little George will be so to me. I thank you for giving us so much information - what you of the baby makes me long to see him more than ever. If he is tremendous in size - I think he will be nearly equal Theophilus - at three months old he weighed twenty pounds. -

You will be surprised doubtless to learn that I am promoted to the dignity of housekeeper at Elm Tally - it is almost two weeks since Theodore's wife eloped with Theophilus - he was so ungallant as to come home and leave her ^{bringing another lady} and her husband left us yesterday to bring her back. We expect them tomorrow. Last week Tuesday I went to Northampton, and I had hardly got there before Mr. Doct. Williams and Helen came. ^{here} I returned the next day and on Friday Helen went to Babotville. A year ago our dear Edward was failing fast. The season brings with it many thoughts of sadness - how frequently do the Death-Days occur.

One in July - one in August 15th - one on the 14th of October, &
me on the 20th. How precious the assurance, that the dead
who die in the Lord are Blesed. - Francis has been
at home a week or more, and offered to take a letter for you
and leave it with Arthur, but as I had not time to write by him,
I shall try to send by Amelia who is going on Saturday. -
We had a letter from Mrs. Fisher last week, written soon
after Mr. Fisher and the twins went to Cambridge, we have
not yet been informed of their having been admitted. - if
they have, I presume they will rejoice at your return
to Boston, for they are wholly among strangers. - You can
hardly imagine how much we miss our good friends at
Northampton - a changing world we inhabit now - how
will it be in the world to come? Your sister writes that
"you can easily imagine our pleasure in being reunited
around our table and the abundant cause we have for
gratitude that health is the portion of our cup. But when
in addition to this greatest of all earthly blessings, other
mercies without number throw our pathway, what heart
but must exclaim, what shall I render for all these benefits?"
Our situation here is certainly delightful, in doors and
out, there is all that a reasonable being can ask or desire.
Still every wish is not gratified, our religious comforts as
far as they depend upon public worship are few indeed. -
When you write, let us hear from Frederic, as I fear we
shall not often hear directly from him. I rather think they
have as much as they can do to manage that turbulent boy."

Your brother Charles gave up his journey to Saratoga
partly because the friends he expected to go with him
concluded not to go. - Since the death of little Harriette the
children have been remarkably healthy. - Since I began
writing Robert W.throp call'd with his wife, as they were
returning from Mount Warner. Maria Thurt. has become
very much reduced by inflammation in the stomach, her
friends are fearful that she will not recover. - George
Ellis call'd on us last Monday with Judge Lyman &
his wife and Daughters. - So you see we are not
entirely forgotten by the great and good. - We
have other sources of enjoyment too besides what
we derive from personal intercourse with those
whom we respect. I have borrow'd of Charles,
Frederic & our after the Christian Life, and think
the sermons I have read, full of useful and good thoughts
express'd in beautiful language. Great principles and small
Duties - is excellent ^{also, Dear and Beloved}. I suppose you are aware that
we look eagerly for the magazine, as the time for it
arrives - especially since we may expect something from
Glennah - her pen should not remain unused. Glimpses
from a city windows are very interesting - work
into them as much of religious instruction as you can.
Some very short pieces in the last number, very strikingly
serious. - I read the Tracts you sent to Frank, and
approve of them highly - I think them excellent for distribution.
I think you will return to your people with fresh
ardour in the great work you have undertaken. May
you be strong in the grace which ^{is} in Christ Jesus. May the
blessing of the Highest abide with you and yours always.
I suppose you had a few lines by Truly your affectionate mother Elizabeth
Mrs. Ellis