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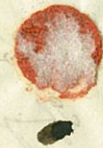
Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Frederic, 1843 Nov. 18. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 9).

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Frederic D. Huntington

Boston
To the Rev. Mr. Hall



Elm Valley Nov. 18th 1843.

My Dear Frederic,
I was yesterday informed that Mr. Hilliard intended going to Boston on Monday - I resolved then to devote this afternoon to writing you a formal letter in answer to one which you sent me about the middle of October. However before I had made myself ready to begin, Mr. Beman and his wife called to sympathize with us in our sorrow - and I shall hardly have time to say much, but give you a few particulars as to our concerns here at home. All is over with our dear Edward - or rather he is removed from our sight - we shall no more see him or welcome him to our home, or feel the kind grasp of his strong hand - or see the pleasant smile of his face, or hear again his beloved voice. - But we can look back and trace his steps as he was striving to follow his blp, & master in doing good - and thus we may feel that he is with us tho' invisible - may a double portion of his spirit rest on us who remain - and may our hearts overflow with gratitude to Him who moulded him into ^{his} own image, and then

received him to his own best presence.

Eliza has been gone to Dursfield nearly a fortnight, we expected her back today but she has not come - she will probably be here in a few days - after thanksgiving she will go to Cabotville and see to removing her things thence and attend to the disposal of those articles of Edward's which are to be sold. Theodore will go down and assist her, and perhaps your father also. - please send directions about the wine. - Last Tuesday Charles brought over Eliza to see us. - they staid about an hour, and I could hardly notice that ~~the~~ her case was so bad as the physicians say it is - she seems very much as she always is, cheerful and comfortable - how desirable it appears to us, that her life should be spared to her little family, but our prayer should always be not my will but thine be done. - Ere long we shall all be gathered in to the great company of the departed - may it be to the general assembly and church of the first born whose names are written in heaven.

Mr. Wright principal of East Hampton Seminary wrote an invitation for your father to attend the examination there next week - I think he will accept.

Our minister has greatly endeavored himself to us during Edward's sickness and since his death, by his kind and sympathetic attentions - he appears to have felt deeply in his own soul the solemnity of the scenes thro' which we have been passing together. - The Lord make it profitable to him.

This letter has been carried about - till it is badly defaced and defiled - but I have not time to write another - Lucy Parson's letter can go with the butter - this must go by mail -

to us all - We are thro' the goodness of our heavenly Father all in comfortable health - and thanks to God the clouds have dispersed and light and peace cheer our hearts. - To Hannah give my kindest remembrance, and to both I would say the Lord bless you ^{and} ^{help you} now and always. most truly your mother
Elizabeth

The price of butter is 12 1/2 cts - here -
let us know if you wish to have any sent to you - they ask 15 cts for transportation.

I received a letter recently from Lucy Parson - If you can leave the enclosed with Mother he will probably see that it reaches her. - Sabbath evening Nov. 26th you see by this last date that my letter has been written more than a week. Mr. Thibault was not willing to take it - nor the butter, about 40^{lbs} which Theodore was prepared to send, after receiving your letter which came back ~~at~~ ^{sent up} a week ago last Saturday night - On Monday Theodore found that Dwight Smith talked of going in a day or two - but on Thursday he informed us that he should not go until week after Thanksgiving - if he should fail again perhaps another mode of conveyance will be found. - If so we may ^{send a part of} ^{the} butter - Theodore will write you at that time when returned to us last Thursday - and is invited with father mother and sister, to dine with Mr. Fisher on Thanksgiving Day - we shall go Providence her mother. Thos. Philips has invited Theodore and his family to dine with them. We shall think of you much at that time - may the Lord give you of his spirit abundantly, that you may see his work prospering - and his kingdom established in the hearts of your people. -
truly yours Elizabeth