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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Frederic, 1843 Sept. 13. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 9).

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Reverend Frederick D. Huntington

now in Albany

Northampton Mass

Elm Valley Sept. 13th 1843-

Dear Frederic,

In compliance with your request,
I shall send a few lines to meet you at Albany.
You will be gratified to learn that "all here is as it
should be" - and that no special cause of discontent
has occurred among the dwellers in the valley during
your absence. Our number here is diminished,
by the absence of Abel and his sister who left last
Friday for Eastford - but we expect them to return
tomorrow in company with Theophilus and Eliza
and their dear little Walter. - Mrs. Fisher and
Lizzy arrived safely on Wednesday - and gave Esther
a very pleasing account of the wedding &c. which
she very faithfully delivered to us at home, as well
as the cakes which certainly was preeminently
excellent. - We have had no word from Edward since
he left Boston, which was Tuesday morning.

Mr. Fisher has had a proposal from the person who bought his house in Oswego, to take it back on terms which he thinks advantageous - he has written him an answer and made some alteration in the terms - should he conclude to take it, he will suspend his journey to Illinois and go to Oswego soon himself - and most probably remove his family there in the spring - making it his permanent residence. - I think he will feel at home again there.

Mrs. Pettis the mother of your parishioners of that name spent an afternoon here last week with her daughter Mary - she had been in Hadley two or three weeks - had been in company with Doct. Woodbridge several times, and been amused with his jibes at Unitarians. - Her visit here must have been an agreeable interlude. -

Thursday morning - We have often spoken of you since the 4th - and thought of you much oftener - the weather has been fine for your excursion. - and I hope you will both gather ^{both spiritual and physical} strength for future labours. A most important and interesting work is before you - what more can I desire for you than that the "word of God may dwell in you richly" and that by fervent unceasing prayer, you may receive the spirit of Jesus without measure.

Charles and Helen are anticipating your visit with pleasure. She is rather full - is about wearing little Harriette, or will put her to a nurse. I am not quite satisfied with

the plan of your making all your visit there - formerly you felt more at home with us. I hope it may be so still - there are so many things to enquire about and communicate, that a few days will hardly suffice. Your father is going to the postoffice and I close with the best wishes of us all -

and a mother's love from Elizabeth -

Faint handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including "Elizabeth" and "Charles".