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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS to Frederic Dan Huntington. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (box 12, folder 8).

I wish you prosperity in your enterprises. Probably you will be expected to aid this young man, in his studies so far, that he may get fairly through college, and have a degree. What a happy thing it would be if he should become a Christian, and employ his time talents and wealth in advancing the kingdom of Christ. The hearts of all are in the hands of the Lord and the treasures of the earth are all his.

D. Huntington P.M.

True

North Hadley

Sept. 23^d

Mr. Frederic J. Huntington

Cambridge

MA

and that she intended passing on Friday

The kindness of your friend Mr. Dall should be traced up to their sources may be helping not on him and all his interests and pursuits.

Theodore has gathered the broom corn, buck wheat finished cutting up his corn and is now getting in the apples. The season has been very fine, and he seems to be prospered. Wednesday evening - While writing this afternoon I was informed that Amelia had received a hoping invitation to return to Richmond.

Elm Valley Sept. 23^d 1840.

My dear Frederic,

Shall I tell you how very still and lonely we were after you left us? How much we missed the sound of your step, and the sound of your voice, and your kind efforts to amuse and please us? - These you will not like probably, for you are best pleased with the bright side of things. Then I will tell you that your sister and I, to drive away dullness, or to improve in some way our own accommodations, have been trying to brighten and lighten our little parlour, and by removing some of the causes of darkness, have endeavored to prepare for our selves a comfortable and decent apartment for the winter.

Last Thursday Mrs. Abbot left Eliza, and Boston took her place expecting that Mr. Lyon would arrive the next day - she did not come till Monday, and so I was obliged to limp along without my staff.

We had a very pleasant visit from Edward over the Sabbath - he came before sunset Saturday - and left us on Monday morning after breakfast. He invited me to go to Northampton to worship in the afternoon with him; and we heard Mr. Dwight preach the second part of a sermon on home. The first gave some of the reasons or rather mentioned some of the causes why home so often fails of being what the Author

of our nature design'd that it should be. The observed that many heads of families were of that grovelling disposition, that would be content to provide the necessities of life and barely get along, without any desire ^{for} improvement, for intellectual enjoyment, for themselves or those around them. Others tho' suitably desirous of advancing themselves, and providing for their families the means of education, and refined enjoyments, were still destitute of that which constitutes a happy home. And this one thing is religion, for this alone is the foundation of all happiness. His text was, "and the house was fill'd with the odour of the ointment".

Amelia came home last saturday, having made application for a situation as teacher, at Freshing on Long Island - she expects an answer soon. Theophilus returns to Amherst today.

We are not much better off since the bridge was finish'd, than we were before. The agents have given notice that they will make no contracts, but permit the inhabitants of Hadley and Northampton to pass for half price. Your father thinks they ought to let us pass free on the sabbath, to attend worship. - And it does seem a little oppressive, that our good friend Col. Porter, after driving us from public worship on this side of the river, should be willing to shut up the bridge ^{against us,} for ^{plain} obstacles in the way of our ^{attending public worship on the sabbath.} crossing it to ~~the other side of the river~~ ^{however by and} by we shall have a bridge without a toll - gather free to all - and in the mean time we can use our books, your thoughts, and blessed be God his mercy seat is ever accessible, and his ear is attentive to the cry of the

from William - his call for help to build churches in the west, - can to be effectual, by the notice in the Register. May the Lord carry on our work.

humble. Your piece on a sister's infirmities I like exceedingly - may you never lose the impressions you have received from our dear Mary's life and death. I cannot help feeling a solemn satisfaction in the recollection of the events which this season so vividly brings to mind; and I often find the tear starting unbidden, as I see her beloved form, patiently and faithfully, falling a sacrifice, to her ardent attachment to her friends. You will not I hope reproach me for these feelings. Tho' I cannot help feeling sorrow at the remembrance of her sufferings, I do most heartily rejoice that she has been transplanted from this bleak and stormy world, to the pure and peaceful regions of light and love. Be it our care to copy her virtues and those of her brother and sister, that we may at length share their happiness. Especially, may we study the character of our blessed Lord - and find ourselves growing in a likeness to him.

Your last letter to me I believe was written the 9th of July. Your observations of the celebration of the 4th were highly interesting and instructive, as you said, I can say, would that such feelings and sentiments were more prevalent.

Your letter to Theodore came on Thursday last. We were all very glad to recieve it, B and I began to wonder what you meant by waiting so long, and making us wait too. Your proposal for us to write once a fortnight is cheerfully acceded to, if you will agree to do the same. We had a letter two or three weeks since from Lucy address'd to your father and mother - also a supplement on the same sheet