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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Frederic, 1844 June 2. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 9).

Rev. Frederic D. Huntington

Boston

Mrs. Carter.

Northampton June 2^d 1844 - Sabbath morn.

My dear Frederic,

From the hospitable home of your sister
Fisher, I shall send you a few lines by Mrs. Carter, who in-
tends going to Boston tomorrow or on Wednesday. I expect to
go home today after divine service - having been absent almost
a fortnight. Were Charles as communicative as some persons,
there would be no need of my telling you what we have
been doing here for a few weeks past; but knowing his peculiar
aversion to news-telling - I think it may not be amiss to give
you some particulars. The day on which Charles went to Boston
I came over, having Theophilus's wife quite sick, and in danger
of a rattler fever. During Charles's absence, I remained at his
house, with Ruthie and the children, and came here the day
after his return. Mrs. Fisher has been very busy, in preparing
for their removal - and tomorrow, ~~and tomorrow~~ Mrs. F. will
begin packing up in earnest. She hopes to be able to leave here
with Elizabeth Catherine and Edward in about a week. Mrs. Fisher
will remain, and after visiting Boston - spend the time with Charles,
with us at Gladby, and at Northampton with the boys, till their
term closes in August, when they also will follow us to Oswego.

Yesterday I took a walk with your sisters. we called on Mrs. Nichols, who is now quite busy in making a thin dress of brown linen for Mr. Ellis - he mentioned to her his intention of purchasing such a garment, and it is her plan to provide one for him. He went to Springfield yesterday on an exchange with Mr. Peabody. I hope ^{the ride} it will do him good. I think he feels too intensely for the sick and afflicted among his people - this is indicated by faint turns which sometimes trouble him after visiting them. Have you read the life of Mr. Thayer? God grant that our minister may not be as speedily removed.

Your father wrote you a long letter not long ago, and hoped to have an answer from you soon. he is busy at home with a small piece of land on the hill northeast of the house. and has probably by this time begun with the silkworms.

amidst all your labours and cares, you might be excused from noticing us here who are so distant. but another highly valued gift by Lizzie Fiske, assures me that you are still the same ever mindful and attentive to your mother. The Lord gives you without measure of the treasures of his grace. that you may impart abundantly to those who need.

I think often with great satisfaction of the worthy people with whom we became acquainted during our stay with you. The Ellis's. the Negro's - and the Dexters - Mrs. Negro the elder expressed a hope that you might not become transcendent in your opinions or preaching. - I was greatly pleased with her. may we meet them all in your brighter future world. - Until then may we do the work assigned us, and by patient

continuance in the way of well-doing - hope to ^{be} forgiven and accepted thro' the will beflowed of the Father. To Hannah give my best love and be assured that day and ^{night} you are both on my heart before the mercys seat. - I am disappointed that you have engaged Loggins for the hot weather. I was hoping we should have you with us.

Theophilus and E. and H. have gone to Abington. -

Most truly and ever your
affectionate mother
Elizabeth -