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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).

Tuesday morning. Love

Dear F. our Abby & friends left us yesterday, between two and three o'clock. Eliza spends her evenings and nights with us. Theophilus took our carriage and horses, and intends to be back on Friday. He will try to persuade your aunt Lyon to ~~accompany~~^{come} with him and stay till summer, & your father walked down this morning to attend examinations at the Academy.

I attended you last evening at Mrs. Delano's party. With the thinking and serious mind, perhaps these occasions afford as good an opportunity as any to know religion before the thought, and pray: but it requires some discretion, and much of the "fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom," to resist the temptation to levity on the one hand, and to avoid the appearance of severity and moroseness on the other. It is indeed a happy thing for us, that we have the christian character held up before us in all its beautiful symmetry, in the example of Him, whom we regard as our Father, and of whose presence and assistance we should ever be mindful - a due regard to this, and the practice of frequent fervent constant devotional exercises, will, do much to qualify us, for obeying the injunction "Let your light so shine before men, that they seeing your good works may glorify your Father who is in Heaven." It gives me much pleasure to believe that you have entered upon that course, which will lead you on to perfect day - and perfect happiness. Your truly devoted mother

Your bundles will go with this. Elizabeth

Mother —

Mr. F. D. Huntington

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