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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington, ALS (Elm Valley), to My dear Frederic, 1843 Jan 24. In:  
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, Box 12, Folder 9.

Saturday evening Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1843 - your father began a letter last week to send you by Mr. Branch - but the weather and the state of the ground being such as to make it favourable for going into the woods, he has occupied himself there nearly every day thro' the week - this will be <sup>to you</sup> more evidence of his health and strength - and we since our pleasant excursion to Boston - and the pleasant circumstances attending our visit with you - we both have enjoyed

Rev. Frederic D. Huntington

W. L. Hays -

Boston

Rev. Mr. Branch -  
G. Fishers

an unusual shew of health and strength. I hope your journey to New-York will do as much for you - It is too bad that you should come ~~to~~ us - and not let us see you. - I have read Mr. Harris' piece on Peace with delight, it is beautiful - Mr. Garrison's charge to Mr. Smith too is excellent - It would be well for young ministers to read over these sermons occasionally - Mrs. Clarke has had a letter from Mr. Ellis lately - in which she did not find quite so much ardour on the subject of settling at Northampton as she wish'd - this might be owing to the state of her health - she is terribly nervous - sometimes nearly deranged - Mr. Fisher was going round by Frankham, I did <sup>the large crop</sup>

Elm Valley Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1843 - Tuesday -

My Dear Frederic

your truly moving and satisfactory letter, was received on the sabbath - this with those to Charles, and the interesting matter contain'd in the pamphlet, with the animating services of our public worship, as performed by Mr. Branch, made it for me a high day indeed - and I think I felt in some faint and imperfect degree that the "Lord is good, and that his mercy endureth forever." Happy for us, if in the storm as well as the sunshine our faith and hope, and joy in his government may continue steadfast.

In this lone valley, in a measure shut out from frequent intercourse with the many - although surrounded by precious and beloved friends - such an arrival as we had on the sabbath gives a new spring to our spirits, and sends the animal fluid more briskly thro' the frame. It opens new subjects for thought, which tires by being always occupied by the same objects, even tho' these objects may be innocent and good. - I asked your father what he thought of your performance at the ordination his reply was - with an emphasis, beautiful -

Your letter from beginning to end was precisely what I wish'd - and to begin with the old fellow, I can say that

