

Elm Valley Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1841. Wednesday forenoon.

My Dear Frederic,

We have as yet had no letter from you, tho' we have expected one by the two last mails. A New York came last Friday, which we had good reason to believe, came from Alice. your father took it from the cover, and found a communication on the margin. This gave him some uneasiness, as it is a violation of the rules relating to mails. He has sent on his resignation of his Office, to the Postmaster general. The first incident of importance which occurred after you left us was our making a second attempt to call on Mrs. Rodney Smith on Wednesday; she was not at home, and we made a call at Doct. Posters. Caroline received and treated us with very marked real friendship. The next day about three o'clock your brother and their wives returned safely and in health - after having visited their friend as they intended. The storm on Monday prevented their leaving Wington till Tuesday morning. consequently their visit at Lebanon was short, only part of Tuesday and Tuesday night - but the friends collected in the evening at Shays, and the object was accomplished very pleasantly. They arrived at Catskills between eight and nine Wednesday evening, in time to make a supper of roast turkey. On the Sabbath Theodore went to Southampton with Bethia. In the afternoon his text was, For I am determined to know nothing among you, but Jesus Christ and him crucified - showing that the ruin occasioned by sin is so universal and entire, that nothing but the salvation of the gospel by Jesus Christ, can effect a deliverance. Bethia was much interested and pleased with the sermon and so was Helen as she said yesterday, it seemed like the views which we have been accustomed to take on this subject. - But the Quakers were much annoyed. - such preaching was quite too orthodox. however they are about shutting up their house, and going to Cambridge, to board with Miss Wigham. According to agreement your brother and their wives and Bethia, made a visit at Henry Shepherds yesterday - they called at Charles - Mills was times very unwell. Today we are all invited to take tea at Mr. Leonard's - and the young folks are engaged to make up that a visit next week. from there will you are happily exempt. What you are doing, I hope soon to learn. The same happy temperament which helped you to enjoy so much at Harzwick, will I trust, with Gods blessing, enable <sup>you</sup> to perform your vowing duty with a cheerful zeal and fidelity. A sense of his presence and approbation is the sunshine of the soul - and constant communion with him in prayer, is the only sure way to enjoy it. - Indeed, feeling as we do, our many failures in duty, and our many evil dispositions and propensities, what can be more suitable than the prayer of the publican. - In looking over the blessings of the last year, I have been led to notice the good hand of our God which has so remarkably guided

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of this and labor. It will be useful to give the price's when it is  
"I get into me, not into me then, but into the name of the story."  
Thursday morning. I hope for a letter this evening - your father's  
regularly in the newspaper for shipping - I think better of his  
reputation - shipping and shipping are getting more and more  
the milk hand's back - and I think and I are interested in doing to  
begin the work. - I'll have something to say to you  
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