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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1840 Sep 30. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 4).

Elm Valley Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1840 -

Dear Edward,

Your letter to your Father we received, and were glad to hear of your safe arrival; I was also much gratified to find that the tin kettle and its contents were not entirely <sup>(but looked over)</sup> overlooked, and despised. - I hope soon to learn that you have hit upon some plan of living, which will be more comfortable to yourself - and pleasing to your friends. - Thursday last week your father and I dined at Charles's - The morning session of this visit was some business at the silk-factory. The day was pleasant, and we returned before night. It is not yet decided when you will see us at Satonsville. Probably not this week nor next - But I hope it will not be set aside entirely. Indeed I think it will not, for your father has become very much interested in a young lady at the Seminary in South Hadley, and it is most likely he will contrive to see her; if so we shall extend our ride and make you a visit. This young lady was a fellow passenger in the stage with Mrs. Lyon on her way to Hadley last Monday.

She speaks of her as a decided Unitarian. very sensible, free in expressing her views on religious subjects, very friendly to Mr. Condit - tho' excluded by him from the Lord's table; she said she had conversed with him upon the subject - and expected to converse with him farther. She has a brother in Cambridge college, and is fearful that she will become a transcendentalist - she had been to visit him, and also to make a contribution, to the Fair. She belongs to New Jersey, but we do not know her name. So much for the young lady -

On Saturday we had a visit from Charles and his family, and Mr. Saml. by way and his family quite a pleasant interview - not a word or whigism or Wesleyanism, hateful terms at least.

Yesterday and today, this morning, there was a great rush of wagens, filled with the lords of creation (as they doubtless thought them selves to be, by their hallooing, and screaming, and by their military equipments) making their way to Northamp. - to attend a review of the troops belonging to the four western counties of this state. - When will the world become wise enough to see things in their true light? - When will the spirit of war and the preparations for war cease? - We are encouraged from the scriptures of truth, to believe that the Christian religion will eventually overcome the dominion of

of sin - that the Kingdom of Christ will break on fiercer and subdue all other kingdoms which are opposed to it and that there will be indeed peace on earth and good will among men. But when we look abroad over the world, we are ready to exclaim, as one of old, How long, O Lord how long, shall the wicked triumph?

Yesterday was the anniversary of our dear Mary's last attack. The scene is present to my mind when I retire to rest, and when from refreshing sleep I awake in the morning. I mourn, I cannot help it, over the recollection of her sufferings, but at the same time, there is gratitude and joy mingled with the sorrows. At the end of this thorny way - this dreary passage there opens to our view the dawn of an immortal day. We know that our dear friends, who have passed on will not return to us, we rejoice that they will not, ~~is going~~ but we may hope to find them among the purified spirits in heaven, and unite with them in their pure and blessed employments. This is but a repetition of what frequently passes thro' my mind, and what I have often expressed to you before - but I trust the subject in all its bearings is one which you love to contemplate, and that my views tho' not entirely accordant with your own, may not be wholly unwelcome. - That we may be permitted thro' grace to realize these hopes is the earnest desire of your affectionate mother Elizabeth

Theodore leaves tomorrow for Hartford Conn.

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