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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).

Elm Valley March 29th 1837 - Wednesday even.

Dear Frederic, You had a stormy walk on Monday morning; but as it was not very cold you did not probably suffer much inconvenience. Tomorrow is the day I mentioned for making you a visit, but the state of the ground is such that it will ^{not} do to think of it. - Beside your brother William has invited Mary to spend the day with him at Northampton, and it will be a good time for her to complete her musical course. Your father went down this morning to see Doct. Brown, and inform him of his intention to leave the society. The information I believe was not unwelcome to the Doct. But he has certainly managed the matter very adroitly. - On Friday your Pa thinks of sitting his face toward Athol, and of attending the singing lecture at Montague.

I shall regret your absence if you do not come home to be here on the sabbath. But you can better decide what is the proper course than I can. We ought to be thankful that our distractions need not be circumscribed by place, our thoughts and grateful remembrances may dwell upon the love of our Redeemer, ~~acceptably~~ in retirement, if we are denied the privilege of honouring him at his own table, and in the assembly of his followers.

You will not expect me to enlarge. You know the way to gain impressive views of Divine truth. Our heavenly Father is more ready to give his spirit to them that ask him than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. I believe we very much fail in the duty of prayer. After all the promises, we find in scripture, ~~our~~ backwardness to this duty must be owing to unbelief. We do not more than half believe that our prayers for the spirit of Christ will be granted. - That you ^{and I} may experience more fully the efficacy of this faith is the earnest desire of your affectionate mother,
Elizabeth.

Mother -

Mr. F. D. Huntington

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