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Mrs A Hamilton
to old aff
Pam
Clapham
Mrs Holly

Washington, July 30th, 1850.

My dear niece,

You say, truly, it is a "privilege" to have the care of the aged. In some particular or other it is to us a lesson for our after life; either we find in them an example "to go and do likewise" or a lesson to avoid the irregularities of old age. In my mother we see the greatest perfection at which the human nature can arrive. Constantly occupied, she is quite happy, and as her mind retains much of its vigour she has not ceased to be a companion. ~~Her~~ Her natural impatience seems to have diminished, and with all excitability, she passes steadily along, lifting herself up day by day to reach her eternal rest. As her strength diminishes, the daylight of the blessed paradise seems shining through her, and all who are blessed by her presence, must call to mind, if light and life be not the consequence of her example. A poor French maid, of our mother, the other day, when contemplating her placid countenance as she sat in a chair waiting until I had finished my purchases. Madame your mother is charming, "Si la sainte bonne Vierge Marie était son cette dore on y ajout; Madame Hamilton on la prendrait pour elle". If, in the spirit of a B. C. woman you can read this, the compliment is great. And even as a cold protestant we can recall the words "blessed among women". Last evening I called to see a friend who pressed me to stay to tea, and when I replied I must return to my mother, a lady present, exclaimed, do you never leave your mother? With some surprise, I replied, rarely; I find in my mother charming companionship, and a never ceasing source of pleasure, that together with the care of her I would not relinquish for the world. And, indeed, dear Eliza, I pray that one grace may receive us both. I have no hope but in Heaven, not one solitary being to fill my heart. Your invitation to make you a visit is not within Mary's strength, if it were, I should like few things better. I have amongst the many changes, lost my friend, Mr. Weston's, sister, and will shortly lose him. This makes a great break in our social life. The first return to be. The second, has embarked as joint editor, with the little Practice Puncture, in a western paper. As to the political changes, every thing is yet to be developed. The Cabinet is a strong one. and the President is exalted to the skies. The post master sells out in a few days, Meredith is packing up and off, being re-named as senator

and intends to practice in the Supreme Court, Courser takes his horse and furniture. The British Mr. St. Clair
Clark - A. A. - Give my love to all the family and to Aunt ~~and~~ Mr. Lee when you write
ever yours C. H. Holly.

D. S. as usual I am writing on my knee, and in my loose gown enjoying the warm weather.

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