

it but light hoarse - coughs but little and not very hard, - this is
the third week of the cough when it is probably at its crisis. He is
about house and attends school. I keep him in only in damp
weather - the doctor says it is unnecessary.

The time is near at hand when I suppose you wish him to leave.
My school is to close next week Wednesday - what shall I do
with him? will you come or send for him? or shall I take him
to N. Y. Hartford Farmington or Amherst? either of which I can
do without inconvenience, and will with pleasure if you say so.
Please to decide and write me immediately. I should think it
unsafe to leave him here alone - I did so one half-day ~~recently~~
and he came near being seriously injured by accident. He would
need some one to look after him constantly. I should take no
peace while he was absent, if he was left alone.

Next week I am to leave for Amherst, and expect ~~the first~~ of the
week after to take my first degree in matrimony - the event is ap-
pointed two weeks from this evening, i.e. Tuesday the 24th inst.

I should be very glad to see you on the occasion - will you not go?

It would be but a day's journey, you know. I shall hope to see you.

Please to write immediately on receipt of this, and let
me know what to do with Edward.

Yours affectionately,
H. A. Fisher

P. S. Edward was much affected by what you wrote concerning
his mother. The little fellow burst into tears as I read it to
him, and bringing a pencil to me wished me to underscore that
part of the letter, that contained his mother's last words to him,
that he might look at it at his leisure, and then took the
letter into his own possession. He often speaks of his mother
- seldom without tears. He seems rejoiced to hear from
you, and speaks of his "kind Pa" very frequently.

You perceive the need of writing immediately, as I
am to leave next week on Thursday.

Frederic A. Fisk,
Norwalk, Ct.

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Norwalk, Sept. 10. 1839.

My dear Brother,

You have had opportunity this summer to learn what a rare correspondent I am. It is not often I dare say that you find my equal. You certainly can't complain of my tediousness. However, let me not credit myself too much on this score, for you might have had abundant reason, perhaps, if I had been a little more at leisure, but circumstances have kept me so busy almost every day, that I have had no time to see you in this way, if I had been so disposed. Fifty scholars, some indispensable writing, reading, visiting & recent preparations for a memorial enterprise, all together have put it out of my power. How can I have seized my pen in this unoccupied scrap of time just before school, just to ~~report~~ let you know how matters are going with your little boy and myself. As to Eddy he is doing finely - seems quite happy - behaves well and is improving generally, quite to my satisfaction - learns easy and I think will make a good scholar. And I never saw a better boy to govern - very affectionate and docile. I never knew him so well before, and as the result have become more attached to him than ever. I shall miss him very much when he leaves. He has been very well and hearty, since he has been here, except one period when he had the measles some time ago (of which I told you in my last) and of late for two or three weeks past, during which he has been slightly ill with the whooping-cough, from which he has not recovered. He is having