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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington, ALS (Hadley), 1837 Jan 31, to Edward. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (Box 12, Folder 4).

Hadley Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 1837 Tuesday evening

Dear Edward,

Having learned by Charles, that you intend to prolong your stay in Boston several weeks, I take the opportunity by cousin Sarah, who leaves to-morrow, to send you a few lines. I have been expecting daily to hear of your departure, for New Brunswick, and have thought that you might possibly have suffered some inconvenience from the severity of the weather, but committing you to the merciful protection of our heavenly Father I have endeavoured to rest, without anxiety. How foolish and wretched should we be, without this refuge!

William arrived yesterday. He has taken his leave of Hubbardston. He has received a letter from Mrs. Bellows of Littleton, requesting him to return there. Your father went with him to Northampton, this afternoon, they returned in season to take tea with cousin Sarah and Marianne, who spent the evening here, and were joined by their brother Charles. This last circumstance is worthy of notice as he has not for a long time <sup>before</sup> given us the pleasure

In one of Charles's letters, he says you may be here the first of Feb. but as it is possible you may not come, and as we have none of us honoured you with a letter, I felt inclined to remind you of home and to give you one more assurance of the unfailing affection of your mother & Elizabeth.

Mary's quilt was carried over yesterday, much to her satisfaction. It is thought to be a fine one. —

Wednesday afternoon. Before I send this over, I must add a few words upon a subject which concerns us all. For myself I can have little time left, and it becomes me to stand daily watching - and not suffer that Day to come upon me unexpectedly.

But by the death of those in the bloom of youth, and infancy, the young should be admonished. Lucy Brown, is fast wasting away, and Doctor Flint thinks she will hardly live a week - but her hope is bright, and she gives her friends cheering evidence that to die will be gain. Mrs. Pine of Williamsburg was buried a week ago last sabbath. you have probably heard of the very sudden death of the wife of Saml. Will. of N.

Amid the hurry of business or the allurements of the world, I am happy in the thought, that my children, those whom I love as myself, are followers of Jesus, and that they are governed by those christian principles which will shield them from the dangers, to which their circumstances might expose them.

Committing you to God, the guidance of his spirit, and the protection of his providence, I remain yours truly  
E.

I hope you will write often and tell us what you are doing and what you intend to do. - Theophilus has been confined not to the house, but from the wood, the scene of his labour, for a month past, in consequence of having frozen his toes. He has suffered very little pain, but the wound on his left great toe is deep, and will not probably allow him to wear a boot for two or three weeks. Andrew has succeeded very well with his school - so far - he comes home once in two weeks. - I hope yet that you will come and see us, before you leave this region wholly - a woman's letter has one two or three postscripts, so this is complete -

Mr. Edward P. Huntington

Boston

By the kindness  
of Miss Sarah Phelps.