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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1843 Feb 1. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 5).



Elm Valley Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1843

Dear Edward

You have doubtless been looking long for the last number of the Christian Examiner; as Frederic sent it here, that I might read Mr. Ware's article on the progress of Peace Principles, I feel in a measure accountable to you for its being thus long on its way to you. It was sent with some other pamphlets, and letters to Springfield, by a private opportunity - and from thence I believe it came by a stage driver to Northampton - Charles kept it a few days and then brought it over to us - Since that I have endeavoured to find an opportunity to send it to you but have not yet succeeded - Cotton Smith intends going to Batavia this week - and I hope it will go by him. We had quite a satisfactory letter from William today - In answer to something which Bethia had written him respecting your correspondence with him, he writes thus - "I should never have taken exceptions to the continuation of a joke", nor even to the originating of a joke, by brother Edward. It was the serious part of his letter, - what he said about the employment of time, the misapplication of talents, and my neglect to gather around me here young men and educate them, - and the complaining and dissatisfied strain of my letters home and to him - this was the part of his letter, upon which I perhaps unnecessarily made a passing comment, in my letter to Bethia. All of which I then thought, still think, and ever shall think was unjust, unkind and founded upon an entire misunderstanding of my situation, my capacities, and my actual efforts." These little troubles among dear and distant friends are very unpleasant, and as they never often to arise from ignorance with regard to the subjects in question - perhaps

Friday morning - Your father has paid dear for going out yesterday - before he went to my little 2 of pain in his right elbow - it increased toward night, and has been very troublesome ever since - till within an hour or two - Doctor Oliver says he now believes - you require the price of butter - I believe it will not bring more than nine pence. - The Doctor has left a wish for the arm - and some powder to be taken if the pain is severe. It seems to be a turn of chronic rheumatism - he has been eating breakfast and is quite comfortable.



it would be well for you to write him - and if possible heal the wound. - He speaks of having cut a gash in his leg about three inches long a day or two before he wrote, which was Jan. 15th, by the glancing of his axe. He says "the pain and inconvenience I suffer are trifling compared with my disappointment at not being able to avail myself of this fine sleighing to get my wood. But it is right, and more good than evil will spring out of it. How many blessings have I and mine, for which to be grateful - My wife says she has never in her life enjoyed better health than during the present winter." - Thanks to our merciful Father, we who inhabit the old mansion can bear witness also that his mercies never fail - Your father has been shipping at the mountain all last week and some before - in all this wind and cold he has gone in to town with D. and V. who have gone to N. on business - they also carried George Fisher who has been here since Monday - spending part of his vacation. Little Walter is as fat as ever - he has learned to creep. - The dwellers in the valley remember you and Helen with the kindest wishes and more especially does your affectionate mother Elizabeth -

Elizabeth -

Mr. Edward C. Huntington



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