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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Whiting Phelps Huntington. ALS, to Edward, 1832 Aug 3. In:
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (Box 12 Folder 3).

Mr. E. P. Huntington
of New York

August 3^d 1839 -

Dear Edward, I send you the book in which
Caroline found instruction suited to her case.
She had been doubting with respect to her qualifi-
fications for coming to the Lord's table.
After she had read this book, she told Bethia
that the piece upon these words "What shall we
do", seemed to give her a new view of the
subject, and she found that her objections
were without foundation.

I should be extremely reluctant, to urge
any one to this duty, who had no sense of
its importance, no desire for religious im-
provement, no care for their souls, nor love
and reverence for Christ - but when these
exist, I lament that ~~they~~ ^{with a few} should be depriv-
ed of so ~~precious~~ ^{precious} an instrument for their
religious comfort, and progress in holiness.
Considering that the time is short, and hav-
ing such frequent and afflicting proofs of its
uncertainty, it becomes us to be up and
doing - Will it be any satisfaction to us,
when we come to have the words, to reflect
that we have never confessed Christ before
men, never obeyed his last kind command
"Do this in remembrance of me." It is little
indeed that we can do: such poor imperfect
services as ours, we should almost think

would never be acceptable in the eyes of
 Infinite purity. But the declarations of
 Divine truth all conspire to silence their
 fears; they bid us come to the waters and
 drink, come unto me all ye that labour
 and are heavy laden and I will give you
 rest - and what is the communion of our blessed
 Lord to his Disciples, you will find it in
 the two last verses of the gospel according
 to Matthew. - may God illuminate your
 mind by the influence of his Holy Spirit
 and assist you to walk in all his statutes
 commandments and ordinances blameless.

By what I have said I hope you
 will not think me unduly anxious that
 you should come to the communion at
 this time. I trust you will be led in
 the right way - by the right means and
 in the best time. Committing you to
 the kind care and watchful Providence
 of a covenant keeping God, and requesting
 you to overlook and forgive all ~~the~~ my
 weaknesses and failings, I remain as ever
 your affectionate mother
 S. W. H.