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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Hadley), to My dear Whiting, 1831 Nov 29. In:  
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 11.



of his beloved son - we have more memories than we can possibly reckon up - and I feel as if my ingratitude was enough to deprive me of all - how wonderful is the lagging of our God - may He lead us to repentance, that we may enjoy His countenance from day to day.

My dear Whiting, your father recd  
length of paper, from William last w.  
full account of ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~excuses~~ <sup>excuses</sup> of  
"journeying", as he says, "slowly".  
He has made up his mind to become a preacher  
with which he once would have disagreed - he seems  
not to have determined on the particular course which  
he shall pursue - and I am almost afraid ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup>  
will start some wild scheme as he has formerly done.  
One thing gives me encouragement, he seems earnestly  
seeking Divine direction - and if he is really willing  
to take advice - and follow the counsel of his friend  
I shall think it is taken for good - and have strong  
hopes that his character is indeed changed. Your  
father wrote him a long letter in answer, and urged  
him to come home. May the Lord direct him in the  
way in which he should go. in this petition I  
know you will join. We have had two letters  
from Throphilus since he left us - the first was written  
the day after he began his school; in that he appears  
to be heartily sick of the business - in the last  
written a week after he seems to be more satisfied;  
he intends to walk home the day before Thanksgiving  
said he should be at the Post Office in Lovett at eight  
o'clock in the evening - where some one I hope will  
go to meet him and help him on his way homeward.  
We expect Charles and Helen to be with us at that  
time and little Frances of course - they will go back  
next morning and perhaps some of us go over and attend  
meeting - Our little society met at your uncle's today  
for the last time this season, and your Pa preached  
himself. - Doth Brown, from the account Francis gave  
of his sermon last sabbath, has become rather harsh  
in delivering his sentiments - and I hope we shall  
be able instead of hearing him, to hear Mr. Stearns  
this winter. A week ago last Thursday we received  
your concluding numbers to your brothers T. & J. - con-  
:dorn in one to Frederic - hope to hear again soon.  
as to your school &c. We had a letter from Elizabeth  
about a week since they were all well - Mr. F.  
and others making arrangements for the formation of  
another society. that they may have a man of talents.  
Thought we may not be together in person next  
Thursday, we shall I trust in spirit - and may the  
Divine Spirit inspire us with that gratitude which shall  
make our offerings acceptable to God, thro' the intercession



D. Huntington Bell  
Free

Hadley H. Mills  
November 29<sup>th</sup>

Mr. John Whiting Huntington  
West Cambridge  
Massachusetts

Mother's letter  
Nov. 27. 1881-

The postmark indicates some delay.