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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Whiting Phelps Huntington. ALS to My Dear Brother, 1845 Oct 25.
In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (Box 12 Folder 1).

Oct. 25th 1848-

My dear Mother, I have just
heard by Susan, that Mary is
sick with a slow fever. - May we
all have hearts to say they will
be glad to see her. - I hope we shall
all feel more deeply than ever,
the great Design of this life, with
its various scenes of joy and sorrow,
and make it as it were should be
a course of preparation for that
coming state, where "the inhabitant
shall no more say I am sick." -

If after all this discipline, we
should refuse to listen, and return
to God, and say I have sinned, &
harden and receive thy repenting
child - we shall have reason to fear
he will say as he did of Pharaoh
of old "he is joined to do, let him
alone." I think much of the children
some of them are old enough to profit
by the chastening of their heavenly

Miss D. S. Huntington

Father's hand. How happy
would it make me to know
that every morning and evening
witnesses their devout supplications
loud thanksgiving, to that God who
has carried them thro sickness and
rest them back from the confines
of the eternal world, and that their
most earnest efforts shall hereafter
be directed to serve and please their
Almighty friend. -

Before I heard of Mary's sickness
I was going to ask you, to buy
with you some paper, for our
room, - ^{and I will lay you out} your father absolutely, and
some what vehemently protested against
purchasing - but I think if there was
a new paper, it would not look
quite so gloomy nor quite so filthy.

It is possible that I may get over
next week - your father spoke of
going over to day, but the call is
so urgent at the mountain, that
he could not conclude to go - he wishes
to go over and see to his sick. -

Mr. Phelps took her baggage when
she left the cars - they have sent
to Springfield - but it was not there

Theophilus is going to Abington
tomorrow, and will come back Monday
Susan is not going - J. P. and J. G.
think of being in concert with at
Thanksgiving. - - Rejoice with
me that our stove is put up -
and especially that I have health
and strength - Ashurst blessing -
I send this by T. G. who is going
to carry some wood to Mr. Theeper
for our church. - , Doubt not of
the ever enduring tho not always
manifested love of your mother
Elizabeth. -

kindest remembrances
to all. - We had a letter from Lizzie
Fisher last night - giving an account
of her visit - much delighted, as there
is much that would be very pleasing
to sister Lyon - to know in the letter
we think of letting J. P. take it with
him to Abington - you shall have
it after he comes back. - I hope little
Mary is not dangerously sick -
and that you also may have the
blessing of Ashurst. -