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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1842 Oct 26. In:
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 5).

Elm Valley Oct. 26th 1842-

Dear Edward,

At your uncle's where we have been spending an hour this evening, we learned that your teacher in the high school is dead - Theodore told us that you had been watching with him, when he was at Cabotville - his loss must be very sensibly felt by you as well as many others - may it be the means of spiritual benefit to many - As we have heard nothing from you the last fortnight, I have thought it probable you might be sick - but hope it is not so.

Thos. Philips is going tomorrow to carry some books, and I shall send this by him. We were at Northampton today, Brand 9 - and found them well at Charles's, little Edward has got upon his feet again, and seems quite like him self - Mr. Fisher's family were all out, and we saw none of them. I suppose Frederic has written you since the ordination - our expectations were fully realized, mine were surpassed - nothing seemed to be wanting but a grateful sense of the Divine goodness: and this I trust was not wholly wanting. The night before we arrived the ladies of his society presented him with a beautiful surplus, six ^{card} ^{grids} pocket handkerchiefs, a pair of black silk gloves, and thirty dollars to constitute him a life member of the American Unitarian Association - This church is large and very handsome. velvet curtains of very rich crimson about the pulpit - a clock in the front of the gallery and a fine organ - On the communion table were placed two large crystal lamps, with a vase of the most beautiful flowers of autumn between them, and one at each end. The house was full, ^{crowded} and seats placed in the aisles - the exercises were of course deeply interesting to us, the ordaining prayer ^{by Det. Frothingham was} peculiarly solemn and appropriate. Mrs. Fisher and Dizzie joined us on our way down, at Palmer - and increased very much our enjoyment on the occasion. Hannah is a pleasing girl both in looks and manners, and I think I shall love her very much, as I do the wives of my other sons - you know our girls are all swans - We drank tea at Mr. Sargent's, and went in a carriage with them to the ordination - the family are very hospitable and agreeable - but my paper is full and after saying that we had a letter from Frederic today telling us that the proprietors of his society had voted to print the ordination exercises, and giving my best love to Helen, well subscribe as ever yours or the Elizabeth

Thursday morning. I thought I had crowded in every thing last night -
but I had not. While I was writing Theodor and his wife returned
from a visit to Althorpe - which lengthened out my writing till very
late. I now say to you that we hope to see you at Thanksgiving
can you tell us at what time you will come? Sarah answered
Sarah has picked with her own hands the buck thorn seed which
we send. The Lord be with you ever.

Lotusville

Mr Edward S Huntington

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