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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Hadley), to My dear Whiting, 1831 Oct 3. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 11.

D. Huntington P.M.

Hadley at Mills
October 4

Mr. J. Whiting
Huntington
Cambridge
Mass.

Mother's letter
Oct 3. 1831

Hadley Oct. 3^d 1831
Dear Whiting, your letters, one to William
and the other to Theodore, came to hand
Saturday night. Till I read what you
wrote to William respecting your eager
desire for college honours. I had no idea
of the disappointment you must have
experienced in not winning the prize. I had
hoped that the example and instruction
of our blessed Lord, at whose feet you
have professed to have been sitting, had
been more influential over you. I
am really surprised - and I can hardly
believe that what you said was in
earnest. If you have not yet learned the
emptiness and insufficiency and absolute
vanity of worldly hopes and prospects,
take one more look at our dear
Catherine's grave. Her death - in my estimation
has stained the pride of glory. A my
dear child, let it not speak in vain to
you. I beg of you from this time, to
give up this inordinate ambition -
and determine "to glory in nothing but
Christ and him crucified" the cross of
our Lord gives Christ - and may you
be able to say, "by whom the world is
crucified unto me and I unto the world".
If you are sincerely desirous of serving
your Maker, and promoting the good

virtue and happiness of ~~instructed~~ things, do you not think ~~that~~ you may as reasonably hope for the divine blessing without this worldly distinction as with it? Remember where it is written - "This treasure we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of men." Study to "know how to be abased" - be willing to take the lowest place" and esteem it an unspeakable privilege, if even in the humblest station you can honour your Lord and Master. - I hope you will not feel as I have said nothing to wound your feelings; this ~~poor~~ weak wavering mind of mine, is a poor guide; may the Lord direct you, and keep you in his own right way. -

You each left home for Boston last Thursday with Marianne. -

Yesterday your father preached at Levent, and Theophilus and Theodore went with him in the ~~new~~ ^{new} wagon. -

Mary and Frederic and I went to Northampton and heard Mr. Steiner - his text in the morning was in John, that all men should honour the Son even as they honour the Father. in the afternoon his sermon was upon

the Parable of the unjust steward. The society were to have a meeting today, with reference to giving him a call. - I hope you will remember them at the throne of grace. - If it is a duty to pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest, it is equally a duty to pray that their labour may be blessed. - I received a letter from William last week - shall endeavour to send it on to you shortly. -

\$20 was sent by Hibbard Smith ^{last week} to be left for you at Hastings, Cambridge port. -

Tuesday noon - I have little to add - we are hoping to hear by Smith - death is making ravages among us - the widow Cott was buried yesterday - Let us be ready for we know not when the Son of man cometh - many are sick with fever. -

In haste as ever your affectionate mother - E. P. H. -

Thro' the goodness of God we are all in comfortable health - your letter to Charles was forwarded. Let us know when you want supplies and of what kind - we are quite pleased at your success in getting a school. -