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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Edward, 1841 Dec 13. In:
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 5).

Elm Valley Dec. 13th 1841-

Dear Edward,

From a remark in your last letter to Bethier, I infer that you have done expecting that I should write to you. It is very reasonable for you to draw this conclusion, from my having so long neglected to notice your kind attention in writing to me. Strange as it may seem to you, it is a fact, that I think of you with far less solicitude, (not with less affectionate regard,) than I did six months ago. I then felt for you as without society, solitary, and by ^{and} ~~my~~ ^{was} ~~my~~ taking your scanty refreshment. Now what a change has taken place. Instead of thinking as I then did, that one of my letters might be a relief in the dull monotony of your life, I am rather fearful that it will interrupt the steady current of your present enjoyment. From all that I can learn of your domestic arrangements, I am inclined to feel well satisfied, and even highly gratified, so that dismissing anxiety, I have only to hope for a continuance of the blessings which you enjoy, and that you may be assisted to render some acceptable return, to our common Benefactor and unfailing Friend.

Your brothers with their wives reached home about three o'clock; and I think we ought to notice the hand of a kind and watchful Providence, which so remarkably prospered them in their journey, and brought them home safely. We were sorry to learn by your letters, by them, that Ellen's health had suffered from her visit here. I hope she will not always go home from us sick. We have been rather anxious to hear from you, on her account. Before now I trust she is quite well or you would have informed us. Mr. Smith called on Thursday evening and left a letter from Mrs. Banningham. In grasping after too much, she will probably lose all. Your brothers and sisters, - two of the first and three of the last, made a visit last week at Henry Shephard's - tomorrow they are to visit Mr. Althorp - they will probably have some fine music. The old meetinghouse has traveled as far as Mr. Sanfath's garden. The new society or the West street party, have invited Mr. Woodbridge to settle with them and have offered him a salary of six hundred & fifty dollars.

Pray excuse this blot, and all the blunders.

Domestic Economy.
Social relations

They are making preparations to build a meeting house, between Mr. Gaylord's house and Dudley Smith's store.

In a letter from Lizzy Fisher which Bethier lately received, she mentions their having had yours of the 5th of August, in which she says you announced your marriage. "whether or not the marriage took place we cannot tell, but it is certain that we drank to his health, and that of ^{his} wife, at dinner, on that day".

We have had no letter from Frederic since he left us. In about a month we shall hope to see him again. Perhaps while he is with us we shall look in upon you, if there should be sleeping - your father has not been able to shake off entirely his rheumatic pains; He went into the wood every day last week and made a fair trial of what chopping would do for it - but it is there yet. - Esther who is sitting at my side sends her love to you and Helen. Your father on the opposite side of the table is absorbed with a newspaper. He is indebted to you for the amusement of many of his leisure hours. I was at Charles's yesterday between meetings. Helen has had an ague for a week past. Mills is getting better. - The last letter we had from William, came while you were here after your marriage. As you and Helen owe me, she of course will take her share of what is written to you especially in the affectionate regard with which I subscribe myself as ever your mother

Elizabeth -

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