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Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Hadley), to Mary, 1835 Mar 27. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 12.

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Hadley, W. Mass
March 28th

Miss Mary D. Huntington

Free
Queens County
N. Y.

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Hadley March 27th 1835 - Friday evening.

Dear Mary, Mrs. Fisher's letter to Theodore, reached us to day, and yours of the same date, (15th) came last Saturday. Since we received yours, I wrote to you, but I believe I omitted to say as much about your return home as I intended. The time really draws near, and we begin to think it is time to make some arrangements for your journey. Theodore has indulged a hope, I believe, tho' rather secretly, that he should make a visit to George this spring; but if he should finally fail, I think you would do well to take the company of Mrs. Swift or some other friend who may be coming as far as Albany; and ~~from~~ there if you wish it, some of the family will meet you and accompany you home. Mrs. Fisher will not think it unkind, I trust, if we feel desirous of having your company at home. We are not required to love our neighbours better than ourselves. I doubt not she feels very thankful that we have spared you so long; and I feel a satisfaction in the thought, that my little granddaughter will very soon be all to her, that a fond mother can desire, affectionate, obedient, attentive to the wishes of her parents, and devoted to her Maker. -

Mrs. Sabin has lent Brother's Memoirs of Hannah More, which your father and sister are reading with eagerness. It is so large a work, that I

David ~~not~~ thinks of reading it in wrens. The perusal
would give me an acquaintance with many great
characters, such as Johnson, Garrick, Bishop, Porteus,
Lowper, John Newton &c. &c. - but there are duties
which have a stronger claim upon me, than their
ancient worthies can urge; so I shall content
myself with just taking a glance at them now
and then, remembering that the present, is not
designed as a state of enjoyment, but action, and
that our reading should be so directed, as to qualify
us for our several spheres of action. My time is
far spent; the little that remains for me to do,
must be done quickly - and I am greatly solicited
that my efforts may be so employed, as to ~~promote~~
promote the cause of truth and holiness; and yet
almost every day is a witness of my failure, and
unless the mercy of God prevent it, must witness
against me in the day of final account. Thanks
be to God that we have an High Priest, not one
who cannot be touched with the feeling of our
infirmities, but who was tempted in all points like
us we are yet without sin. It is indeed comfort-
ing to think of our Saviour as a man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief, for if the captain
of our salvation was made perfect thro' suffering,
much more do we need the fire of tribulation to
refine and purify us. And the same strength which
enabled him to overcome and sit down with his
Father in his throne, is offered to us, that we also
may overcome and sit down with him in his throne.

We have had very good sleighing this week; and
Charles and Helen availed themselves of it to make

us a visit on Tuesday with the children. Fanny
looked very fresh and healthy; little Charles has no
colour but enjoys fine health, and is a very pleasant
quiet little fellow. Marianne Phelps does her
visit the first of April. After that Helen hopes
for Bethia's company a little while. -

I hope your confinement does not injure your
health. If you find that it does, you had better
quit at once, and contrive to have more exercise.
You know that attention to diet and exercise
have always been very necessary to your health;
and I have had some doubts with regard to
the stimulating system. Your food ought
to be plain, of sufficient quantity, nourishing
and easy of digestion. But you know all this.
I hope we shall hear from you often. Let us
know what arrangement you make with regard
to coming home, that we may be able to assist
if necessary. - I have been trying to persuade
your father to write to you, but he has not
yet come to the right spot. - With the kindest
remembrances from all to all. I am as ever
most truly your affectionate
mother E. W. Huntington.

Thaddeus has found employment at home for the present year.
He wrote a letter to Mr. Fisher last week to this effect; he
feels very much obliged by the kind interest which Mr. F.
expresses in his welfare, but is not now at liberty to avail
himself of it. I am of the opinion that he has had enough of
darkships to serve him one year at least. The independence
of a farmers life only can satisfy him. One piece of news I forgot
to mention, at a late meeting of the Agricultural Society at N. M. Mr.
J. R. Huntington was elected one of the Vice-presidents!