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**DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:**

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS (Elm Valley), to Frederic, 1844 Jan. 27. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers, box 12, folder 9).

Reverend Frederick D. Huntington

Boston

Reverend L. Ellis



Elm Valley Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 1844 -  
Saturday evening -

My Dear Frederic,

Mr. Ellis gave us a call this afternoon

and kindly offered to take a letter - and I felt such an attraction toward you as was quite irresistible -

But I feel too a degree of hesitation about writing; we are quite in the neighbourhood of suffering "fatal disease, and approaching death!" - and under these circumstances I hardly dare trust myself to speak or write - lest I should dishonour the blessed faith which I have professed to love. Our dear Ellen we must resign - hitherto she has been comparatively comfortable, but her breathing grows more difficult, her fever increases, and her night sweats; and her appetite and strength are failing. -

And what if it is so? - are we not all mortal, and shall we desire to make this our lasting residence? Is it not our privilege to die? to escape the pollutions of the world, and live like the angels and the redeemed in our Father's

