

Elizabeth Porter Phelps to Elizabeth Whiting Phelps Huntington, 25 July 1802, b. 5, f.4, Porter Phelps Huntington Collection, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

“...if the child has the hooping cough & measles together it may try its strength but perhaps it will escape both, or it may be comfortably carried and [then] both or one & even neither may carry it off – it will all be right only I long to tell you to be ware of Drs – none have had the hooping cough bad that I know off except Mrs Hop[kin]’s babe – it has proved too hard for that – I believe she has given it elixer & puked very constantly ever since it was took with it – you remember I had it but a few years since, & I very well know that elixer did not do for me, nor any other medicines...”

Elizabeth Porter Phelps to Elizabeth Whiting Phelps Huntington, 1 April 1804, b. 5, f.6, Porter Phelps Huntington Collection, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

“...we all rejoice that Charles is got well --& that Eliza goes alone is surprising, dear little bird – but she will not know me – no matter – if the Lord knoweth them that are his – if she may be one of those it is eno’ – but my child – do you tremble for fear the Canker rash should be commissioned to nip your tender plants? do you recollect what you bid me tell Sally? that the only way to enjoy children properly was being prepared to part with ‘em this is good true doctrine, now let us do try to realize how happy we might be could our will & desires all be wholly swallowed up in the divine with no kind or degree of fear, from any quarter whatever should we then feel because there is no one wish in the heart but this, that the Lord, God, Almighty, order all events...”