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they may do better. I wish you could have seen the pleasure with which Jem Harry and I, unpacked the barrel and boxes I believe the former thought we were going to set up a shop. How can I ever thank you enough my dear parents for all the things you are so constantly doing for me.

Little Deedie's sack is too long waisted I am afraid it looks as if it would fit her nicely a year hence, it is very handsome I had no idea it would look so well I hope you will tell Aunt Ha about it, it has made a very cheap coat, and I like the binding so much more than any trimming. To day has ~~Hame too~~ had more than its share of pleasure, the arrival of the mail this afternoon and so heavily laden too, in addition to the other things well I hope my head will not be entirely turned! I am very glad to hear that there is some chance of my getting Sarah, tho Ellen does not think it very likely. The latter still adheres to her determination to go, but I think now she begins to dread the getting there lest they will blame her for not going with him last Thursday when he came for her things, altho she told him ~~th~~ she could not leave me on account of the children's being sick, but you know there is no reason in them.

I am perfectly amazed at the quiet way in which she gives in to them.

It would be very nice to have Jane also, I should then let Sophy go and let Kitty take her place, provided Jane would undertake the dairy work and help with the washing and ironing but what would she do about her child? I do not think it likely that Henry will stay another year ~~as~~ Tom