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8th sheet to see Hannah and wish them a pleasant and beneficial journey.

Our Jane is better, but having some return of sick stomach, yesterday, Cousin Caspar told her to put on the blister again, which seems wonderfully to relieve her, but makes her lie in bed the day after, as she is apt to feel faint from it. I have another girl to fill her place for a month, so that Jane may rest, she does some sewing for me, however, as she likes some employment. Pattie is quite an invalid, Cousin Caspar will, probably, tell you all about the difficulty and I concluded, very dear Cousin Anne, that to take three good-for-nothing people into your household would not be right and I told Cousin Caspar so, this morning, and he seemed to think it was better to wait quietly and see what Providence would order for us all. You have had so much care all your life, dear Cousin Anne, that I cannot consent to prolong it, a thing new cares upon you. Preston says, he hopes Pattie will be stronger now, but I am sure it will take a good while to make her fit for any exertion, or I misjudge her condition very much. George has had some uncomfortable symptoms, premonitory of those attacks to which advanced life is liable, and, as for myself, I am so nervous at times, that it is a good deal worse for others around me than if I was seriously sick. I wish Cousin Caspar could be persuaded to listen to my proposal made to you, delicacy seems to forbid my urging him any