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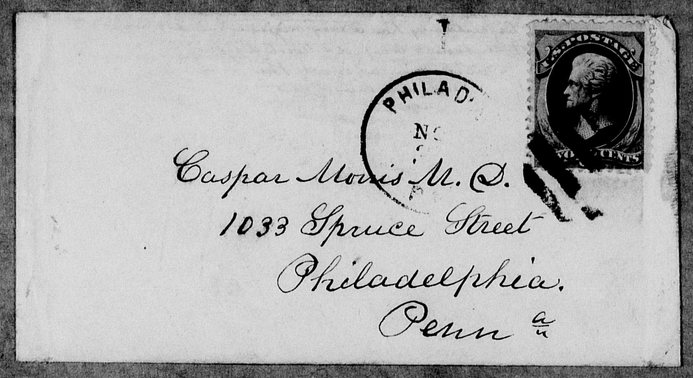

Hannah & Jane paid me a very pleasant call since they returned from Newport, both looking very well, and Jane so handsome, that I could not but wonder to think how much more lightly time passes over some faces than others, leaving hardly any traces of his wrinkling ploughshare on cheek or brow on her countenance — Naomi & her daughter Sallie Vaux were here too last week, & from them I learned that thou went not so well as usual, and was sorry to hear such an account of thee, but hope the ailment is nothing more serious than the ordinary colds that prevail at this season of the year, when the stormy changes in the weather are so apt to take hold of some weak part in our frames, and force us to recollect that we are wondrously frail as regards our earthly "dust and ashes" —

It is not agreable to feel quite forgotten by friends and companions —

I have been much interested & also amused tho' it seems odd to apply that word to such a subject, in reading an English book sent to us lately, called "Unorthodox London" — perhaps thou hast met with it also, and can share with me in the surprise felt at the numerous curious sectaries that flourish in that swarming mass of humanity — some of them so queer in their strange acceptance or rendering of the truths of Christianity, that we cannot but smile at the mistakes of their ignorance, while wondering that the human mind can be so misled — dost thou know any thing of the Episcopal clergyman who narrates these visits, & describes what he sees without giving opinions upon the subject — Now I am reading another of his volumes called "Orthodox London" which is equally interesting

with love to sister from I remain affectionately yours