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home, or food, only as taken to them by
kind friends by boat. - We all hope
Samuel Janney's European tour may be
beneficial to him. We know him best as
a happy boy at dear old South River -
he would help Philip about the farm work,
and then with dog and gun they would
scour the woods for game, or go to Cousin
Richard Hopkins's to see Fanny Plummer.
whose bright eyes, and witty conversation
they both admired. - What changes we
have lived to see! - Both boys are husbands
& fathers, and one in a foreign land in quest
of health. - And many more changes
we have to remember, dear cousin, some
pleasant - some sad; but through all,
our heavenly Father has cared for us -
Blessed be His holy Name forever, - How
great are his mercies - and his ways past
finding out. - Who would not serve
him and bless his Holy Name?
Kate & Lizzie say they would gladly
join your Sewing Circle, and other enjoyments,
were it possible. Kate had a hard cough, and
pain in her side, for nearly all winter, I was
very uneasy about her, and often wished
she was with you, as she would do more
than she ought to do, and increase her
cough. - After using many remedies, she is
now better. - For this we are thankful. -
It seems young for Ella Mercers sons to be
engaged to be married - but better so, than do
as many others - be fickle, and never true to
any fixed purpose in life. We were glad to
hear that Cousin Lizzie S. Hopkins has good
health this winter. Love to her and her Sister
Ann, I do not doubt is a faithful worker
in whatever good works she finds to do.
Is thee not thinking of making us a
visit the ensuing Summer? And Bettie
too? We would be glad to welcome you.
The Spring is backward, weather cold,
very little gardening done. Much rain.