

prevent them from breaking from the weight of fruit which bent them almost to the ground. I often fear we are not half thankful enough for the blessings bestowed, and instead of numbering these, number our afflictions, and repine over them, making ourselves unhappy, and perhaps those around us, because every thing does ^{not} occur as we would wish. I have seen some such. Hast not thou?

Johns Janney must have had a very serious attack, to have to keep two nurses still. At an age when a man is considered in the prime of life, too. — Philip Hopkins often suffers with neuralgia, and complains of feeling old. Phil. Jr. started to school the first of this week, but came home sick with fever and head ache. Is confined to his bed, but his father thinks ~~it~~ he is some relieved. We feel uneasy on his account. — Children are a great care, as well as a great responsibility.

How is Bettie Howard? Catharine often talks of the pleasant intercourse ~~they~~
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she had with her. — A good deal of fun and mischief I expect, as Kate is much inclined that way still. — The girls, Philip's family, & myself, were invited to attend the 50th Anniversary of dear Henry & Hannah Janney's Marriage, and it would have been very pleasant to have accepted their invitation. As it was, we thought of them at the time, and were glad to find it all passed off nicely. — Such reunions are very pleasant. Henry has cause for thankfulness as regards his large family, children & grandchildren. We were always glad that he and dear Lewis, his brother, married wives who were true helpers, sensible intelligent women, who appreciated them & who are well beloved by us. — I tell Lewis's widow that I feel as if he is not entirely gone while she remains on earth, so entirely were they as one — few more so. — 21st. The old Sun crosses the Line to day. What a foolish, excitable child I was, dear Sister told me once, that the Sun was