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on this occasion. Our Cousin Gilbert also has our best wishes in what is before him.

We have heard the friend well spoken of may she be a blessing to him & his children. How asks how it is with Catharine & Lizzie - and whether their hearts are not inclined that way; - well, they do not appear to be over anxious about it at all; but as we cannot expect to be with them much longer I do not know but I would be willing, however hard the trial to see them both & particularly dear Phil; well married. But having been as I believe, quite as happy as most persons through life, am willing to leave it.

On Kate's coming in the room just now, I asked her & L. what I might tell thee on this subject - they both say - "O tell Cousin Margaret we are doing as she did - waiting until the right one comes along."

I have thought much of Joanna Plummer, poor dear girl, how long she has suffered! Before, and since her mother's death, how many days of suffering, & wearisome nights have been appointed unto her. - Should thou see her, please give much love to her for me. I trust He that has been with her in six troubles, will not forsake her in the seventh & last. May her patience hold out to the end. And cousins Richard and Sally too must be feeble relics of the past. Wilt thou tell Joana that I have thought much of her this winter - & my mind turned back to the happy time when she, Sister Anna, Mary and myself, used to be so much together; we may

have been too volatile perhaps - but the remembrance of those days of joyousness is pleasant. I heard some-
how of Hannah Ann Hopkins's death. But may have been misinformed. She and Emaline in their father's house, were amongst the gayest of the gay - How they used so thoughtlessly to sing - "When I remember all

The friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall,

Like leaves in winter weather,
I feel like one who treads alone

Some banquet hall deserted -
Whose lights are fled - whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed!"

Oh, Cousin Margaret! if Emaline is left alone, how appropriate would those lines seem to her, if she feels as thou or I would feel, under like circumstances. -

As my dear Sister advances in years, I observe a tendency in her to dwell much on the past - on things that occurred in her childhood & youth - And I often think it is a consolation, which no one knows the value of, ^{until deprived of it} to have some one to talk with who remembers, & can converse on old familiar scenes & circumstances with us. -

Susan B. Stroud & her daughter Eva are now residents of Cincinnati. Susan has two married daughters living there, but did not wish to leave Waynesville, but Eva had a good salary offered her in that city, I thought best to accept it. They belong to Miami Quarterly Meeting, however, and so we see them occasionally. -

Harriet Steer is still living, but - very helpless - we hear however that through