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Kindness of Murray Shipley & her other friends
she is taken to meetings frequently, where
she is often acceptably engaged in ministry
& prayer.

Owing to the great freshet, which pre-
vented travel by railroad, my letter was de-
layed by the way - we were three days without
newspapers or letters, after the great storm of
wind hail & rain which passed through this
part of the country. Now & Cousin Miles will
recollect the distance between Waynesville &
Corwin - all that space was for several days
last week filled with the rolling rushing waters -
looking like an immense lake. All travel was
suspended except by boat, which passed be-
tween the two places. Bridges & culverts being washed
away, several trains were stop'd between this place
& Cincinnati for two days, & we were glad when
the whistle of the locomotive once more resounded
along the Miami valley. There was great destruction
of property, I see feared that Phil. would be ruined
by the flood - but rejoiced to find it was not so,
although he lost about 1,000 feet of lumber from
his saw mill. - He has truly great cause for thankfulness.
As a number of persons have lost their all. - I tell him
to remember with King David that this is 'all of the
Lord's mercy & loving kindness & say with him - "By thy
favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong."
& take no credit at all to his own exertions. -
Our beloved Cousin Eliza Crenshaw wrote some time
back that both myself and Cousin Miles were en-
joying better health than for some time past which
we were glad to know - please remember us affec-
tionately to Cousin John & her - to Cousin Richard
& Sarah & families - especially to Jane & Francis - and
Maggie - children & all. - And now farewell, thou
dear companion of my youth - & advancing years -
Please receive with thy kind companions our united
love to your selves - thy attached Cousin R. M. Hopkins