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line of their experience since they parted as boys:
happy boys - they were apparently, at old South River,
with dogs & guns, and many a hearty laugh, never weary
of each other's company. Twenty years ago, on the 21st of
5th mo. 1855, we left Baltimore, and arrived at
Waynesville, Ohio, on the 2nd about midnight.

I may not revert to the changes ^{that have occurred} both with you and
us, during that period. Sufficient for us dear Cousins
is the firm belief that those changes have been directed
by One who is 'too wise to err, and too merciful to be unkind.'
As regards my own trials, and stripplings, I can acknowl-
edge that - "With mercy and with judgment,

'with in his vicinity
has been killed by the
late frost. Garden are
king - vegetation & bare
hands -'

My web of life he wove;
And aye, the dews of sorrow
Were luster'd with his love.
I'll bless the hand that guided,
I'll bless the heart that plan'd,
When throned where glory dwelleth
In Emanuel's land."

My wife's health is mostly very
good now. The case consequent
on having sister Hannah with
us is being on Catharine's.
She says she believes the light
of the countenance, & ~~and~~
& Cousin Helen would do her good.

There remaineth therefore, a rest for the people of God. The
Apostle's joy at the prospect of entering into that rest,
was similar to that enjoyed by all true Christians,
while travelling through this land of lights, & shadows -
through joy, and grief - holding fast the profession of
their faith (or endeavoring to do so) without wavering,
looking toward that promised rest - that safe haven,
whereto the righteous of all generations, have entered
as their home at last. What a comfort is the Christian's
hope! How soul sustaining the provisions of the gospel!
but how prayerful, how watchful, the Lord's children
are directed to be, while travelling on their heaven bound
journey. - 21st - I sometimes receive letters from
our cousin William Hopkins, in which the good-
ness, and sincerity of his heart are manifested,
always informing concerning your family, and
sometimes of - our friends generally; also giving such items
as he knows will be interesting to us.

Joanna Plummer wrote last week - and
wished much love given to Cousins Eliza -