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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 others 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,
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."

"Just in this vicinity
was mostly killed by the
late frost. Gardening and
fruiting - vegetation & such
things."

My health is mostly very
good now. The case consequent
on having sister Hannah with
us is residing on Catherine's.
She says she believes the light
of their countenance, & even
of 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, wherewith 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. 31st -

I sometimes receive letters from our cousin William Hopkins, in which the goodness, 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 -