

With dear love to
thy self,
I am as
ever thy
attached cousin
R. H. Hopkins
N. B. the girls
and much
love as does
Philip.

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Waynesville

6th Mo. 16. 1877.

Thou need
not spoil
thy eyes by
reading all
this in one
day.

My beloved Cousin 3

I wrote to thee and dear Cousin
Sally jointly very recently, but a letter from
my nephew Henry Janney has turned my
thoughts toward thee more than usual, on
account of the fearful conflagration, which
so lately occurred near thy dwelling, which
again in the mercy of Providence, was
spared from the flames, for which I am
thankful - And the illness of faithful
William Allen, I know is keenly felt
by thee, and the girls and I do sym-
pathize with thee, knowing few if any can
fill his place. - Yet will be missed in
thoroughout the house over every part of
which his watchful care extended, and
in which he found a good home & kind
friends. -

And time is rapidly passing,
while we are passing onward with it.
Here we are in the middle of 6th month
1877. - As the season advances, the weather
has been pleasant with us, but not very
warm - frequent showers cool the air
and vegetation advances rapidly. -