

Felicia Hemans, "I must remember still".

22nd Company came in, and I laid aside my pen. - A late letter from our Cousin Margaret Joliffe informed of the approaching marriage of Jesse Tyson, to a gay young girl of 19 - I fear he is about to hamper himself in a way that will give him but little comfort. But hope it may be for the best. Doubtless he has often found his home lonely, since his nice, sensible, little mother died. -

Sister E. B. Hopkins had a fall some months back, and dislocated her ankle. She is becoming increasingly helpless, upwards of 84. -

Have I written to thee since the Conference held in Richmond, last fall? If not, will tell thee, that finding Jane & Francis were there, we thought they surely would come this way, on their return home. - And Kate had ~~their~~ room prepared, saying "I am looking for Jane, anyhow, if Francis thinks he must hurry back." And I thought if she and Mary S. Thomas could come, and Francis also, how pleasant

it would have been. - I am much confined at home this winter, and letters from my dear friends are amongst my chief comforts.

Christmas is near, and the children are as joyous and expectant, as we used to be. - Phil. & Mary Hopkins are already wondering what presents they are to have, and preparing school exercises before the closing term. They continue to love their studies, and consequently are advancing in them. - What will their future be? Who can tell? - The weather is cold, and clear here, ground frozen - farewell to night.

23rd Phil. Jr. came in, and I said, "has thee any thing to send to cousin Margaret?" He replied no - and scampered off home. In a short time he came back with the enclosed, said he had drawn it since he left, and wished to know if that would do. Wishing him to love our relations as we do, we ^{sincerely} ~~with~~ this disposition, remembering "as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." - Last Christmas Lizzie was too sick for us to have any company.

This time we shall probably have Philip's family - with