

When younger,
I would copy a
letter two or three
times, rather than
send such a one
as this - cannot
now - thou wilt
excuse imperfec-
tions, I know -
Thine R.H.H.
Catharine says do
send love to John, and
Maggie from all of
us - all right - and
to their husbands
also -

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Mr. H. White

Waynesville

My beloved cousin

5.3.1888.

I feel that I owe thee a letter, and have been thinking of thee more than usual for several days! - yesterday was my birth day, and my distant friends most kindly, sent me a shower of sweet messages -

Strange enough, not one of them knew of the circumstance, but dear Henry Jon-
ney, who never forgets dates, apparently, or permits an occasion to pass of giving me comfort, when it is in his power, without putting it in practice. One was from dear sister Elizabeth B. Hopkins, who has been sojourning in Zanesville since last fall, with relatives there. Her brother D. B. Crawford, is unwilling that she should continue to keep house longer, and has, with her
- consent -