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that Ethel & Sarah would like a letter from her

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ere this, ^{Joanna} were it not
for the fact of its being
so much more expensive
living in the City
and in anything like
good style. Yet I
regretted saying in my
last that I had nothing
good to write for we
have so much to be
thankful for. We have
all had remarkably
good health during our
stay in Wis. and we are
with our own good people
instead of being among
strangers; also our being
here has been a slight
help to Sarah - Besides all
this we have enjoyed many
rich spiritual blessings.
So how can we com-
plain? Give my love to
Loni and tell her I still
hope for a letter from her
sometime, also love to the
dear little girls and tell Manda

I enclose some
of Walter's papers
which I think
you will like
to see.
Most affectionately
your sister
J. M. Brown.

(17)

For Love Wis

Jan 25, 1891

Dear Brother John: -
Your letter
of the 13th Inst, so made
up of kindness and good
cheer was most welcome.
How glad we all were
to hear from you again,
but not so glad to
know that your work
presses you so sorely.
It cannot be right
that you are so over-
loaded. It is not

possible for you to shake off a part of it?

I will be glad when you have your affairs arranged so that you can give all your time to your writing and study for surely that is enough for one man.

You ask if Walter has felt the pressure of the financial times. He has in this way - that the closeness of the money market has made it very tedious getting his Finance Co. sufficiently developed to make it a paying

concern and of course having put everything into it and the R.R.

it is very necessary that it should pay.

Yet though he has been in straight's sometimes he is still working on with good degree of courage, for it would almost seem that he is not capable of discouragement, and we have always had enough to live on, so we need not complain but the long separation has been hard to bear. We would have gone to Philadelphia to live