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Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1891 Feb 3.

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1891.

Dear Brother John

I received
your good & comforting
letter, & it cheered me up
& I have read it again
& again when the dark
side would come up.

I thank God for such
a Brother & thank you
& Lorile, & all of you for your
kindness and kindly feeling
toward us, it is very precious
to me, but John it is
natural for us all to be
eager to work our own
way in this world. though

for some years it would seem that we have worse than Jaelid. but we are hoping & trusting that, as for Guy (by God's help) "better times will come". & won't it be a happy day when we again are square with the world? but God only knows when. but we do know that "all things work together for good to them that love Him", in some way.

Perhaps you will be surprised when you read the letter John has been writing this morning. since losing the sheep job he has become restless. & is beating about like a bird in a cage. & wondering how he can get away from the "Land" tangled to earn something

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he agreed to take care of the sheep for a year & the Owner was honorable. but under the circumstances it was best for him to give them up. The Boys are breaking some horses Harry will be twenty one next August - but as he is not the headiest of boys I should hate to leave him alone on the Ranch. though he likes it jarettly well I mean living here but we have no treated plans. & just think of it my baby boy is sixteen & John & I look quite old. I hope this will find you all well
Love to you all yourself

to Louie & The Children
and Mrs Stretzel
as ever

affectionately
Maggie

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