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Letter from Mary [Muir Hand] to John Muir, 1892 Mar 6.

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Kearney, Neb.
March 6/92

Dear Brother John:

How unsociable we are - "un-
corresponding" perhaps we might say - This
condition of things is hardly necessary seems
to me - and neither enjoyable nor profitable.

In the first months after coming to
Nebraska I wrote two letters to you - but
had no answer from them - Your time
is much taken up I know, and is so much
more valuable than mine - that I have
but little claim to any of it - but I
should very much enjoy hearing from you
again -

My health is now very
good - I am about as strong and well
as when a girl - but am doing all of
my work - and have little time for
anything outside of what home-duty

brings me - little time for reading or study
and little time for pictures - but am
hoping such will not be the case very
long - and that some day I may do
something with my brush that will
be for you - and that will please you.

I was sick much of the time
after going to Northern Wisconsin and
had little ambition for or strength for
work of any kind - but now as so
well my fingers tingle for time to handle
brushes -

Annies writes me

of the grand present you sent Mother.
I shall hope to get sight of it some-
time - or of one as fine as it is.

Maggie mentions that you and
some of your family have had "La Grippi"
I trust that you are quite recovered

Fortunately we have all escaped that "fashionable disease" for which we are very thankful - There has been a great deal of it here. How does

Maggie seem to enjoy California - and do you think she improves in health?

Give my love to Sister Lonie - and your children also. I am only a little acquainted with them - through what others write and say of them but wish it were otherwise - Should like to have personal acquaintance with them.

With much love,

Sister Mary.