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Letter from Joanna M[uir] Brown to John Muir, 1893 Mar 26.

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Portage Wis
March 26. 93

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Dear Brother John:

Your kind letter of the 15th inst. deserved a more prompt reply. My apology is that I have not been well; also that I was so taken by surprise that I scarcely knew how to reply, and have been trying to think whether I ought to accept your generous gift. Mother, knowing how closely we had been pressed for a few months, suggested that she write and tell you of the difficulty, but I decidedly objected, telling her that you had helped enough in the family to bridge over hard places, and I could not add another to the list, but added that if you could assist by suggesting some opening for Walter that I could be glad of that. However, I think Mother must have forgotten what I told her, from what she has since told me, and which I suppose accounts for your prompt action in the matter.

To give you an idea of Mother's forgetfulness, I will relate an incident of her birthday. As you know, she was eighty on the 17th inst. I was anxious to do what I could to make the day pleasant and so sent an invitation the day before to ask her to dine with me, etc. The time came and she arrived somewhat late, explaining that she had an indistinct recollection of my having sent for her but did **not** feel sure -- thought she would come anyway. Dear mother, we cannot be surprised.

Well, dear brother, I thank you for your kindness, hoping soon to be able to return the amount when money is more plentiful. I suppose David delivered my message to you last week. I think Walter will soon be all right. I am not well, which accounts for this scribble. Love to all,

Joanna M[uir] Brown