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Letter from Joanna [Muir] to Mary [Muir], 1874 Jun 3.

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and wants to know if mother has not yet repented. He says he is very happy and distributes tracts every day.

Will Whitlaw came and invited me to an excursion to Devils Lake last Saturday which I accepted. I enjoyed the lake exquisitely the scenery was beautiful and the boat riding magnificent. How I wish you could have been there. Perhaps we can go when you come home. I stayed down in Caledonia Saturday night and the next day went to a

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Darlingest Mary.

I received your long expected letter and was most heartily amused with its contents and laughed outright when you requested me to burn it. I did as required however, well knowing by experience that the writer of such information is the only one who sees any cause for being ashamed of it. Truly you have had a serious time, though ~~into~~ surely a very pleasant one. You cannot have failed to enjoy it.

but it is a shame that Robbie is offended. It would be too bad to lose the friendship of so pleasant a little fellow student. I should think when he lives so comparatively near that he would come and see you during vacation. You ought to invite him. I suppose however that the other does not live very far off either. Ha, ha.

How ridiculous that I did not tell you about Father. We have had several letters, one only last night. He is keeping house entirely, improving the place by painting, setting out trees etc.

camp meeting down at Merrimack then returned home Monday so you see I have had considerable fresh air. Maggie is going to the Falls to moon over with a party and has invited me to go too but I hardly think I can at present. I had much rather go with you. Why don't you folks arrange an excursion up there I am sure it would pay. Would not Mary like to go and this would be a fine stopping place. We could do the most fashionable way and camp out about a week so you could paint. Annie was home last week and continues to enjoy her school. I have not heard from her lately.

for better
 better do
 not allow
 this kind
 of thing to
 happen to
 you
 I do
 hope

Sarah has been staying
 with us this week and
 wishes Mother and I to
 go home with her on
 Saturday. We think
 we will, and on my
 return I shall expect
 to find a letter from you
 so you had better hurry
 up.

James Balentine was
 married. Last week
 he died of lung fever.
 There has been a large
 number of funerals here
 lately but I do not
 think you are acquaint-
 ed with any.

I fear you will
 scarcely make out

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Am Joanna



Miss Mary Muir,
 Madison,
 Wisconsin

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my letter to day but
my eyes ache so that
I can not do any
better. You see I have
written a letter beside
this and they are
tired out so you
will overlook all
scrawling I am sure
for I could not wait
any longer to write
to you.

Now make be
prompt if you
cannot take much
time and tell
me as near as you
can when you
will be home.

Most lovingly

Yours
Lee May I want her to send
her love to me.