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Letter from Joanna [Muir] to Sister [Mary Muir], 1874 Sep 8.

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my back feels stronger
and the weather has
been much more en-
durable, but such a
day as this makes no
equum. I am glad
every day that you are
so happy. I shall expect
a description of your
rustication and am
anxious to know how
you are now employed.
I suppose you have not
been tempted to commence
attending school again.
I suppose you would rather
like to graduate. Mr Hall
wished you would and
thought you ought to.
David is going down to
Milwaukee to attend the
State Fair, starts tonight
and perhaps will see
Dad. I have had an-
other letter from John
he ~~is~~ was just starting
for the Mts again.
Your own Joanna

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Portage, Sep. 8. 1874.

Dearest Sister

How I have been very
long in acknowledging
your kind letter and
carefully prepared pat-
terns. You to be sure I have
but my dress is made &
has been worn and is the
admiration of the whole
city and country all
of course because you
sent the pattern. So accept
my thanks for the favor,
(the pattern)
for although it seemed
long in coming and it
is not pleasant to lie in
bed for lack of something
to wear, yet every thought
of vexation vanished at

sight of your neatly arranged work.

Maggie has been quite sick but is much better again.

Annie is home at last but you will be surprised to hear that she is again teaching.

Mary Staley was not able to enter school and so made arrangements to with Annie to teach a few months until she should recruit, so that Anne is right here at home and thinks she will like it but she will doubtless write to you shortly and tell all her own news.

Our ministers only little girl died last

week causing much sorrow, I was there during much of her sickness and never before was a witness to parents grief on such an occasion, Poor little Edie was a sweet little ~~little~~ blossom which all loved and her loss almost broke her mother's heart.

We received a letter from Father last week in which he said he would not live in Portage ten minutes if he could help it and desired Mother to come to H., but Mother says, Nay verily.

I rejoice to say that I am much better than when you were home