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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1874 Nov 21.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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I shall be able to say that John is home on a visit - such an event would be hailed with gladness but we will be patient -

You were enquiring about Mr Duncan - he is well, and goes about the farm as usual and seldom leaves home. The youngest boy does most of the work -

With an earnest prayer that Heavens best blessing may ever rest down upon you

I remain your affectionate
Mother

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Portage Nov 21

Dear John

I have received your three very interesting and welcome letters - I am very thankful to a kind Providence that preserved you in the danger - our ascent of Mount Shasta and how fortunate it was that you had got down to the timber line before that storm of wind and snow came. I hope by this time you will have arrived at Oakland in safety -

I have just been reading and trying to understand your piece on Post-Glacial denudation in the Overland Monthly for Nov - but I think

my knowledge of science as well as of some other studies are very limited - I hope you enjoyed your trip to the valley as much as you expected.

I have had a letter today from your father. He is quite well but is rather impatient about me staying in Portugal - a few weeks ago I had a letter from Dunbar informing me of my sister Margaret's death. She died on the 27th day of Sept^r. Thus leaving me the last remnant of a numerous family. It seemed like a very loud call to me that I should be ready for a like summons. She was 78 years of age. My mother was just 78 years old when she died, and my father was

88 years old when he died. My parents have mouldered in the dust over 20 years - but Christ is the resurrection and the life and if we believe in him our souls will never die.

Daniel has been home for a few days. He thought that Joanna should go to Racine with him and he ^{would} try to help her - she has been with him about 5 weeks - she writes that she is much better than when she left home. Mary has been home about a month. She is well and sends you much love and so does ~~Anna~~ all the rest of the family with their families are all well at present -

I wonder when