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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1878 Mar 23.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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preserved as you have
been hitherto, when in the
midst of greater dangers than
I know any thing of -

May our heavenly Father
ever guard you and keep you
in perfect safety at all times
especially in times of trial

I will be glad
to hear from you when you
can conveniently write -

The girls join me in
earnest loving wishes for
your welfare -

From your affectionate
Mother

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1878
Portage 23 March

Dear John

Your kind
letter - containing your photo -
is received for which I thank
you - and the reading of your
article in Scribner for Feb
about your favorite bird, has
given us much pleasure - and
has been well received generally

We have had a very
mild winter indeed - rain
and mud, instead of frost and
snow and a great deal of very
pleasant weather -

We are all much
pleased to know that you have
at last made up your mind
to come home and see us all
once more - how long I have

waited for this announcement -
and will hope to see it realized.

I have just had a letter
from Hamilton. Your father writes
that he is well and very happy
so we are quite satisfied -

Mary's has just called
and is feeling better than she
often does - I expect you know
that John R. is going to Nebraska
about May - The rest of our
families are all well as usual.

Portage still continues
to grow - quite a number of
houses are to be built this coming
summer, and although it is
a small place, yet when
you come home you will
see it has improved considerably.

Gardening has already commen-
ced here and Joanna is quite -

interested in the business
of planting flowers and seeds -
her health slowly but surely
improves - It is four years
this month since she came
home from the Normal School
so very sick she has suffered
a great deal - but we have
much to be thankful for -
blessings and mercies have
paved the way as all the days of our
life - I often think how
I am surrounded with blessings
and comforts that many are
devoid of -

I expect you
will again be soon starting
out on your summer travels -
into those dangerous paths
that are of so much interest
to you. I hope you will be