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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  
 Postage 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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'y  
 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

wanted 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