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## Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1878 May 16.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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trust for the time to come

Our heavenly Father is strong to deliver in times of deep trial and danger and is ever ready and willing to protect all that give their cause into his hands

I trust you will be preserved in all your goings out and all your comings in

The girls all join me in earnest loving wishes ~~for~~ ~~you~~ for your best interests from your affectionate Mother

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Portage May 13<sup>th</sup>

Dear John

Your last letter to me of March 6<sup>th</sup> was gladly received, during March Joanna wrote you a letter, and I also wrote you one, and lately we have both been anxiously waiting for a response from you but as yet we have received none. Probably your multiplicity of business has hindered you

However I am happy to know by David of your welfare - your fortieth birthday was remembered with many heartfelt loving wishes for your prosperity and for your preservation in

the many dangers to which  
you are exposed, we also partook  
of Curran's scone, -

A letter from your  
father informs us of his good  
health and happiness in Canada  
he wrote for your address as  
he wished to write to you.

John Reid has returned  
from his Western tour,  
but has not quite decided  
what course he will pursue.

Sarah has just come to  
Portage to spend a week  
among us, she has not been  
here for a long time -

Mary has been home  
for the last two weeks - and  
is still engaged in her  
favorite work - painting -  
I thank you very much

for the portrait you sent  
me last, and hope to see  
the original some time.

I have had the pleasure  
of reading about your favorite  
bird - and also your late  
trip to the mountains about  
Lake Tahoe - You know  
I am extremely interested in  
all your travels and writings  
and enjoy reading about them  
very much -

I already begin  
to think of the many dangers  
to which you may be exposed  
during the coming summer,  
but a kind providence has  
preserved you in safety, amid  
many dangers, and trials, in  
the days and months that are  
past, and we will still -