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**Letter from Brother [Daniel H. Muir] to Sister [Mary Muir Hand],
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to continue in the care
and necessary labor of
living on a farm, and
if they move into a town
they might as well move
into Phillips if it suits
them as anywhere else.

My news has run out and
I can not write anything
else that will interest you.
So I will close by asking you
to write to sometime to
your youngest
Brother.

Pucky Run Wis Dec 29/77

Dear Sister,

I do not know but I
have been somewhat tardy in the
execution of my promise to write
to you, but I will try to partly
rectify my tardiness by the
ambush of news.

First of all I wish you a
very "Happy New Year" and
hope that you spent a very
"Merry Christmas".

Our Christmas here at home
was quite merry though with
not very much festivity. We
spent it at home by ourselves
with a oyster supper and the
evening.

At present we are enjoying

the blessing of usual health.
and in this I will not even except
Father who is usually well for her
though of course she does not
move around as much as she
would if the weather were warmer.
It is trying to snow today, a
little, but I do not think it will
amount to much as it is most
too cold.

I am out of school for a short
vacation now. my school is very
small, not averaging over
4 scholars a day these far. but
I expect my number will
reach 30 before the term
closes. at least I hope so.

Alice is happy now. her
Piano has come at last.

It came on the 27th so that
we have plenty of music
now. for she spends all of
her time that she has to

at it. Aunt and
Uncle from Rio have just
come. They have a grand-
daughter about 3 weeks old.

In your letter to Mother and
Father you were wishing that
some of us were living at
Phillips. Well with good
health and no other draw-
backs I am in hopes to be
with Willis in 4 years
at the most. and though
this seems to be a long
time to look ahead I
think it will come soon
enough. for now ^{time} it seems to
pass so fast that I have
hardly time to make ^a marks
at the end of each month.
But perhaps I will not do
the only one there. for Father
and Mother are getting too old