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## Letter from Joanna [Muir] to [Mary Muir Hand], 1879 Apr 1.

Joanna Muir

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and sit up nights, after Sarah became overfatigued taking care of them.

There has been a great deal of sickness in town besides measles, whole families being laid up at ~~one~~ one time, but I think the worst is past. I called on Isaac Shaiper the other day and found her pretty well.

Jessie Reid says, "Tell Auntie I want that recipe for cleaning red gloves."

Annie says she will write in about a week.

Very much love from all to both you and Willie.  
Most Lovingly Joanna.

Your comfort  
has come  
it looks  
very well  
indeed  
considering  
you are  
thirteen

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Portage, Wis.  
Apr. 1. 1879.

My good Dearie:

Your letter arrived this morning, and as I was just on the point of writing to you, when from Annie's letter I learned that you were about to write to me, and so waited, I will now answer at once.

I shall be most happy to accept your invitation, and as you are to be alone unless I come the first week in May, I would rather not wait for the Rev. H. P. G. and although we would be glad to have Willie come, and

I would, of course, much prefer to have his company, yet if he has not time to spare, maybe I shall come alone, especially if I do not have to change cars or if I can check baggage through. But you will hear from me again ere that time.

Your Carpet is finished but has not yet brought home as we have not had a good opportunity of so doing. If we cannot send it before I come, I will bring it in a trunk. Your thumb too is here and could have been sent had we not been expecting Miller.

Brother John has made us glad with the intelligence that he intends spending next winter in New York and will visit us before that time, you "think a date".

If he cannot spend Christmas with us we will have to appoint the reunion before that time, but then I think likely he will.

Sarah was in town a few days ago and reports the family recovering finely from the measles, but you ought to have seen David's mouth as he recounted the horrors of his own dear self having to walk dishes