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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1879 Oct.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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about myself while I
 am just getting well in
 good earnest, and when
 you come home I expect
 you'll laugh at me if
 I say I have ever been
 sick, Annie and I have
 been at Fox Lake attend-
 ing a Convention, which
 also testifies to the truth
 of my statement, for you
 know I have been so
 nervous that I have not
 wanted to see even a little
 company and thus I
 met and visited with
 more friend than I can
 count, trusting that you
 are very well and with much
 love, I close, I am,

DELE

Portage Oct. 1879

Dear John

Your very welcome
 and interesting letters from Alaska
 have been received.

I expect you
 will find this letter at San Francisco
 when you arrive there, about
 the first of Nov. - Perhaps you will
 then, be able to say when we may
 expect you in Portage.

Sarah has met
 with a very sad trial indeed
 in the loss of her only son.

In June George was nineteen
 years of age ~~and on his birthday~~
 and on his birthday he went
 with others to bathe in the
 Fox River and was drowned.
 How very sad, how we all miss ^{him}

Your father is still in Canada
he writes often, saying he is
well and comfortable -

Anne is not teaching at
present, she went to Phillips
and staid a month with Mary
and Joanna returned home
with her, having spent the
summer there. Her health
has improved very much
indeed - she was delighted
with the pine woods - and
she thinks Mary has a very
cozy happy home -

The girls are spending
this week at Fox lake
attending a Baptist convention
Trusting that the
everliving and ever loving spirit
will continue to watch over
you for good at all times -

affectionately Mother

Dear John: -

I have been wanting
to write to you for some time
but feared a letter might
not reach you, in fact
I suspect one or two of
mine have already been
lost, however here you
are away off among
the Indians and the ice
fastening your eyes and
ears on grandeur and
while your ears and toes
are pinching with the
cold, I'll hurry up
and get all you can
into your note book and
your mind and then
come home and give
us some,
You are going to talk