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Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to [John Muir & Louie Strentzel Muir], 1880 Oct 25.

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We have this satisfaction, however, that his health aside from his lameness is now excellent and his mind more composed than I have almost ever known it. And I think he has a kinder feeling toward the whole world. Moreover the end is not yet and I believe he will yet spend his last days with us. I told him that the room we had arranged for him would be his still and would always be kept for him till he should come back to it. Mother intends coming up in the spring if she can dispose of her property satisfactorily. I enclose a photo. of Walter and shall hope for one of yours, Sister, in return with much love. Joanna.

Dear Brother and Sister:-
Accept my thanks and for the kindly words and wishes expressed in Joanna's letter.
We shall be most happy to see you at Phillips.
Hallen Brown.

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Phillips, Wis.
Oct. 25, '88.

My dear Brother & Sister,

Your very kind letters came safely, and made my heart truly glad, for it was cheering to know that you, John, were back again in your own home, and no small pleasure to receive a letter from my sister Loni; I trust it is the first of many and that the time is not far distant when we shall become personally acquainted. The glacier was refreshing and interested my

husband exceedingly, He has traveled a great deal in wild woods and loves the beauties of nature quite as much as I do. We have a cozy home in the bosom of the pine forest and I can step out of the back door and gather darling little ferns and mosses just at the farther end of our lot. We have mosses like those you sent in the letter and many others.

We are located at the opposite end of the village from Mary but can see each other often. M's very well and has a nice little boy.

You will be sorry to hear that

Father, after coming here with us and staying about a month, again became restless and determined to return to Hamilton. He said he had not been able to withstand our entreaties and had come almost against his sense of right and that though he had enjoyed his stay with us very much he must now return to a place where he might labor for the Lord as he could find nothing to do in so small a place; It seemed we could not let him go away ~~and~~ into the cold world again but words were vain and he left us with tears in his own eyes.