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Letter from Mary [Muir Hand] to John Muir, 1880 Dec 12.

Mary Muir Hand

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nightly managed.

Our "wee laddie" as you have called him - is well and happy as a bird.

I think he shows signs of being a geologist and botanist or scientist or something.

I read Joanna's letter lately received from you and saw your little glacial sketch.

Mrs. W. wrote to you since we received your June letter but perhaps you failed to get it, as you have not answered.

We shall hope to hear from you ere very long - Hoping you are well.

I remain lovingly

Your Sister Mary.

Phillips Wis.

Dec. 12. /80.

Dear Brother John,

For some time I have been fully aware of the fact that I ought to write to you. I think I have not done so since hearing of your marriage. Your letter of June 18th. came to me when I was too sick to answer it. I have just been reading it again - It has kept well and is still interesting - as is the case with all of your letters. I never destroy any of them. You mention

the possibility of making us a visit in our "home in the pine woods". I trust you will - and shall be most happy to see our new sister too. I extend to her a sisterly greeting and shall hope to make her acquaintance.

You mention the fact that I have never sent you any of my sketches. The truth is I do not feel sure enough to say that I could suit your liking - but when you come I shall consider it a happiness to bestow upon you any painting penciling or sketch in my possession

that you may chance to like - I almost feel under obligations to you my brother - for all that I have, and as I have said it will be a happiness to give you anything of my work. — I am still doing some picturing. ~~Prayers~~ ~~Prayers~~ altogether at present. Have not done anything in either water or oil colors for a long time but hope ere spring to make a winter scene in oils. When the firs are loaded with snow we have a most magnificent view from our front window which would be quite grand in a picture - if