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Letter from Sarah M[uir] Galloway to John Muir, 1881 Sep 14/24.

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I find this slipshod way of writing from the "Mystery"
"Mystery", however, of the "Mystery" [13]

ourselves, David does not feel able to work
as he used to do when you were here, still
he keeps doing all he can, Anna is just the
same good, willing, trusty girl she has ever been
to us. she will be twenty-four next Decr. she taught
school the past summer, but intends staying at
home the coming winter, Celie is a lovely laugh-
ing little body, learning to be a great help in
household affairs, she has been taking music
lessons the past summer and is getting to be
quite a musician, she will be just sixteen,
tomorrow. Gracie, our little girl, is very fond
of going with her Father, and helping him do
chores, she is getting along nicely with her
studies and is quite a reader. she is eight years
old, last month. I heard from Mary Jane a short
time ago, her health seems to keep about the same
she seems to be somewhat homesick yet.
Grand health is much improved since going
to Net - what a band of little girls he has now
I have not heard what he has named the baby
yet. I had letters from Mary and Joanne, they are
well, I am going to Phillips on a visit soon
and will stay a week or two, it will be my first
visit there. You will have heard that David and
Katy, also Mother were up there this fall. David
is not feeling well, he is too much confused to
the store. Now my dear Brother I must close
you are far from us, but we pray often that
the loving Father that has watched over and cared
for you always will prosper you in your work, and
bring you safely back again.

Your loving sister, Sarah H. Galloway

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Sept 14th /81

My dear Brother John

If I write to you
I wonder if you will ever receive my
letter, you are so far far away now,
it seems as though this could never
reach you, but if there is the slightest
chance I know you will be glad to
hear from us. How glad we are, when
we hear that Mother has received a
letter from your own dear hand,
to know where you are, and what you
are doing, my dear brother, God has
already brought you through dangers
without number, and we trust that
he will bring you safely back to your
dear family, and to us all, we pray
for your preservation and happiness
and look hopefully forward. What
a wonderful part of of the world you

were in, when last we heard of you. I see you have heard of one of the vessels you were in search of, I hope you will soon hear from the other, what a sad sad story there must be connected with the history of those vessels, can it be that all are lost, Oh! John if some of the poor fellows could be brought back to their home and loved ones again. I saw in the New York Tribune of last week I think an account of the route, of the Alliance the vessel engaged in the same work with the Corwin, also the plans put in operation for the success of their work, if I can find the price I will send it.

I have not heard from Louie yet I should be so glad to hear if she and the baby were well, I intend writing to her soon, it must be a great trial for her to be so far from you, but I am glad to think she

is with her Father and Mother, she could not have better situated under the circumstances.

Daniel saw Mother yesterday she has just moved out of the house where she has been so long, and settled in a snug little brick house, where I think she will be very comfortable for the winter. Sept 22nd

You will see I have been hindered with my letter. I was in Portage last week and called upon Mother, the first time in the new house, I was delighted to see how snug neat and cozy, every thing was arranged, but Mother was sick some time ago, and is not feeling very strong yet, I coaxed her to come home with me, she staid a few days, and thought she felt better for her visit, Annie is a good part of the time at work at Daniel's Store. We are all pretty well here, working away about the old way, still if you were here you would find a good many changes, more perhaps than we realize