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Thus far we have had
a very pleasant winter
At present - it - is very
mild. The snow melts
soon every day -

Our boy sends his
cousin Wanda a kiss -
so he says - He is get-
ting to be as full of
pranks as the day is
long -

We both join in
love and good wishes
to you -

Affectionately,
Sister Mary.

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Phillips, Wis.
Dec. 24/82 -

John and Louie,

Dear Brother & Sister

We wish you a "Cherry
Christmas" Perhaps the
wish may reach you in
season - although this letter
may not find you until
nearer "New Years" May
the year be a happy one
to you both, and in it
may your darling Wanda
develop more and more
in all the graces that
make her sweet and
pleasing - - -

My big-sisters write
me that there is a

possibility of your making
us all a visit next year.

Oh how we all hope you
may! - We anticipate
pleasure beyond expression
at such a meeting - Is
there no wisdom in
hoping that we may all
meet in a family reunion?

The family has grown
to be so large in all its
branchings that it would
not be an easy matter, as
some one is apt to be sick
or some one has the care of
a little one - or some
something comes to make
a hindrance but we
will hope that a day may
come that brings no
hindrance with it.

In your last letter
John - you sent me a
picture to enlarge for
you, as I promised to do
in a letter written some
time before - I have not
forgotten it - but will
do it - sometime - D. V. -
I have not been well enough
to do much in picturing
for some time - During
the summer I made two
little flower-pictures in
oil, and one in water colors
that is all -

We are expecting more
of Wheeler's photographs
are very long - and then
we will send you one
May we look for one
of Wanda's some time? -