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As the childrens clothes were
all wearing out, I have been
pretty well driven. Annie is
not at all strong, & Jessie cannot
use her eyes much, but we
are making some headway, &
I feel encouraged. I think I am
going to be better, & reap the
benefit of your very great kindness.

I am glad you had
your portion of rain, I hope
you had plenty, I think every
thing must be beautiful with
you now.

And now with love to you
all, also your Father & Mother
I am your
affectionate sister,

Maggie

I would be glad to
hear from you both

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Carleton, N.B. May 13th
1882

Dear John & Louie

I guess by

this time you will think me
naughty, I have been so long
in writing, but I have been
looking a little for a letter from
you. I hope you are both
well. How is dear little Wanda
what is she up to this minute?
Give her a kiss for me, & ask
her if she remembers her Auntie
M. There is a neighbor little
one comes here. The only child of
an only son. She is a dear wee
thing, & always makes me think
of my little niece.

John had a letter from
Uncle David last evening, he
has been quite poorly for some
time, is better and about, but not
at all well. He has not given
up the notion of coming to
Neb. he is trying to sell out
how nice it would be to
have Sarah for a neighbor.

Jessie had a letter from
Carrie Minn last week she is
teaching school, & says she is
going to save her money & come
to see us & do hope her father will
manage to come too next summer
& I think that perhaps Sister
Ann's will come & maybe
Joanna, and when are you
going to start what a jolly
happy meeting we would have
if you all come at one time
& I am looking forward to it.

We are having a very
windy rather back wind Spring
this year, we have had some
pleasant warm weather, but
cold every now & again. I keep
comparing it with Cal (at the
time we left you) since it does
not do, it has made it look so
glad & rather bare & backward ^{here}, but
some kinds of trees are nicely
leaved out now, & the country looks
much better. John is quite busy
with his sheep they have sheared
he talks of coming to see
you some time.

I am pretty well, but
have been very busy since
I got home, it was a while
before "I could buckle right down
to it" so as to accomplish much
after resting all winter, but I was
disappointed in getting help and

Crete, Neb., May 13th, 1883.

Dear John and Louie:

I guess by this time you will think me naughty. I have been so long in writing, but I have been looking a little for a letter from you. I hope you are both well and how is dear little Wanda? What is she up to this minute? Give her a kiss for me, and ask her if she remembers her Auntie M. There is a neighbor's little one comes here, the only child of an only son. She is a dear wee thing, and always makes me think of my little niece.

John had a letter from Uncle David last evening. He has been quite poorly for some time. Is better and about, but not at all well. He has not given up the notion of coming to Neb. He is trying to sell out. How nice it would be to have Sarah for a neighbor.

Jessie had a letter from Carrie Muir last week. She is teaching school, and says she is going to save her money and come to see us. I do hope her father will manage to come too next summer, and I think that perhaps sister Annie will come and maybe Joanna. And when are you going to start? What a jolly happy meeting we would have if you all come at one time. I am looking forward to it.

We are having a very windy rather backward spring this year. We have had some pleasant warm weather, but cold every now and again. I keep comparing it with Cal. [at the time we left you] and it does not do. It has made it look so flat and rather bare and backward here, but some kinds of trees are nicely leaved out now, and the country looks much better. John is quite busy with his sheep -- they have shearers. He talks of coming to see you sometime.

I am pretty well, but have been very busy since I got home. It was a while before "I could buckle right down to it" so as to accomplish much after resting all winter, but I was disappointed in getting help and as the children's clothes were all wearing out I have been pretty well driven. Annie is not at all strong, and Jessie cannot use her eyes much. But we are making some headway, and I feel encouraged. I think I am going to be better and reap the benefit of your very great kindness.

I am glad you had your portion of rain, I hope you had plenty. I think everything must be beautiful with you now. And now with love to you all, also your father and mother, I am,

Your affectionate sister,

Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid]

I would be glad to hear from you both.