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Write Hill Oct 29th 1883

My Dear Brother John
You have been much in my
mind for a day or two. I have
been having one of my very
nervous spells. was not much
out of bed yesterday & how I wished
it were possible for me to come into
that cozy little room up stairs for a
few while and have a pleasant talk
with yourself & Louie & little Wanda.

I am with you often in mind
& shall never forget the ^{kindness} &
tender kindness with which you
& Louie & all in the house treated us
while with you. Your ^{pictures} are all
printed on my memory but
I expect wee Wanda changes some
as she grows older & larger & I wonder
if Annie has yet got her over & Wanda.

I hope you are
all well & that you
are not working
too hard. I expect
you are in your
great gripes
yet. I will let
you know and how
I must close.
Annie M. O'Hara
Kendal love mine
is teaching at the first
attending school
with much love
to yourself & mine
& Wanda for Wanda
I am as ever
affectionately
Maggie
Give my
love to
Grandpa
& Grandma
& hope to hear
from you soon
M.D.

We have had
sister Annie here with us about
ten days now. She is in poor health.
The journey here, tried her greatly.
She has been at Phillips the most
if the summer for her had she had
a cough for more than a year & her
throat has troubled her very much.
The doctors back home thought that
the bronchial difficulty was the worst
but Brother Dan after having exam-
ined her lungs says no, he says the
half of one lung is consolidated.
he is giving her medicine & she keeps
him informed of how she is by writing
every two days. She has been quite
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another family in the other part who
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much for breakfast & supper so she
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buy his place I think. Annie G. G.
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I guess somebody is coming with
her. I think William Keice & family
will come too.

I think Mother had better come
^{with Sarah} too. Most of the family are out west
or will be when Sarah comes & if she
will keep house. Annie & her can have
a little home close by. Then she would
be near Sarah & Dan & I would not fear from Danna &
never for tea, although far away.

Crete, Neb., Oct. 29, 1883.

My dear brother John:

You have been much in my mind for a day or two. I have been having one of my very nervous spells, was not much out of bed yesterday, and how I wished it were possible for me to come into that cosy little room upstairs for a wee while and have a pleasant talk with yourself and Louie and little Wanda. I am with you often in mind, and shall never forget the princely and tender kindness with which you and Louie and all in the house treated us while with you. Your pictures are all printed on my memory, but I expect wee Wanda changes some as she grows older and larger, and I wonder if Louie has yet got her own and Wanda's picture taken.

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I hope you are all well and that you are not working too hard. I expect you are in your great grape harvest and will be tempted to overdo. And now I must close. Annie M[uir] and Annie [Reid] send love. Jessie is teaching, and the rest attend school. With much love to yourself, Louie, and a kiss for Wanda, I am as ever,

Affectionately,

Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid]

Give my love to grandpa and grandma. I hope to hear from you soon.

Fountain Lake
Garrow
M.D.
Hill
L.M.W.

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house 1862
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refined by
failing doctor