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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1883 Dec 4.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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David Muir is very kind always
gets my wood for me - and assists
me in more ways than I can tell of

I hope you will not think of me
as lonesome - as I daily feel that I
am loaded with benefits and blessings
far beyond what I deserve

And now dear John ever consider
that my best wishes are with you
and your dear wife and daughter

Affectionately
Mother

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Portage Dec^r 4th 1883

Dear John

I gladly received your letter
of Dec^r telling us of the welfare of yourself
and family - I can think of the pleasure
and happiness you have in your dear
little daughter - and sincerely hope
that she will be spared as a comfort
to all concerned - What a very busy
time you must have all the year
rounds - but I hope you are now
enjoying a leisure time now

A few days ago I received a copy
of the book on the "Corvins" trip to the
"Arctic Regions" it is very interesting
I thank you for it very much

- After reading it I carried it to David so that he and Katie might read it neither of them have been very well but are now about as well as usual

Ann is still in Nebraska and still an invalid - about a year ago she took cold and has been sick less or more ever since - she writes to me once a week and her last report was more favorable - she is much pleased with your kind offer but I am afraid she is unable to accept of it at present - last spring she wished very much that she could go to Calif but could not see her way clearly at that time -

A letter from Joanna tells me of her good health she says she often looks back on the years of sickness she had and feels very thankful for the health she now enjoys - and she says her father seems more satisfied than he used to be and her baby is a treasure -

For the first time in my life I am quite alone - Celia G. goes to school in Portage and is with me over night - I try to keep myself very busy at home and I go out a good deal I enjoy a long walk on green hills or in woods when the weather is fine we have no snow and the roads are good now