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## Letter from [Ann G.Muir] to Dan[iel H. Muir], 1883 Dec 17

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- Emma can get some thing  
suitable that will give  
them pleasure at Christmas.  
I also send my best wishes  
to each of them - and would  
be pleased if any of them  
could write to me

I shall hope that Emma  
will be able to write soon

I had a very pleasant  
visit with W. Need he  
seemed pleased very much  
with the place and his visit  
there - and now I shall  
wish you all a "Merry"  
'Christmas' and a very happy  
New Year

Affectionately  
Mother

P.O. Box 350

Portage 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1883

Dear Dad

Your very kind  
and interesting letter of Oct 14<sup>th</sup>  
was duly received - It gives  
me much pleasure to know  
of your restored health - and  
of the good health of all the family  
and also that you have a  
tolerably fair practice and  
you have a pleasant home

How very much we have  
to be thankful for every  
day of our lives - how many  
blessings we enjoy even if  
they are mixed with some  
trials - Annie's health  
is a cause of much anxiety  
to me lately - I often think

if she had gone west instead of north last Spring it would have been better for her - as she came home from the north much worse than when she away.

Mary has had a sore trial on account of Whelers illness - although he is now nearly well.

Neither David nor Katie has been very well lately. Katie has been sick for a week, but is now getting well - and David continues going to the store if he is able to stand up -

Celie is in Portage and goes to school and is generally with me over night.

How many changes time brings to us - in looking -

back to the time you wrote about - when there were ten of us besides hired help every day and now here I sit alone but I am not lonesome - I seem to be surrounded with every blessing and many comforts - much more than I could have expected or deserved.

David is very kind and is always ready to assist me in more ways than I can tell of - besides one visit every week.

I was sorry after Annie Repe home that I had not sent some present to the children - so I now inclose this small bill so you can