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Letter from Ann Gilrye Muir to John Muir, 1860 Oct 21

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Dear John

We have received three letters from you two from Madison and one from Prairie du Chien, we were glad to know your health was pretty ~~quite~~ good, in the midst of so much excitement and praise —

I hope you find yourself comfortable in your new home, and likely to learn some of those things you want to know,

I am glad you found so many friends at Madison and hope you will find friends wherever you go — We were rather surprised to know that you had set your face westward, — and so is every one that hears of it. — However I hope that will turn out for your good — I always understood that Prairie du Chien was an unhealthy place, but perhaps it is healthy in Winter, —

Your Father went down to Portage on Friday the 19th and bought a trunk for you and a suit of clothes and a hat and three pair of socks and a pair of drawers — and I sent three fine shirts and two common ones and your flannel shirt and your papers and letters and small books — your Father put them all in the trunk together at Portage and then put the key in a paper and took it to the Post Office I have been particular in telling you —

of all things - as your Father left the trunk
for the person to send off, that he bought
it from, however I hope you have received
the key and the trunk too, before this comes to
hand & I hope you have received the letter we
sent off last Sunday night wrote by so
many - they will all be glad to hear from you
we have received the books you sent and
I think those that proposed giving you
them - were certainly much interested in
your welfare -

Now John I hope you will
write as soon as your trunk comes to hand
as I am anxious to know that you have
received it safe. I hope every thing will suit
you, your Father intended to send a silk
napkin for your neck but forgot until
the key was sent off - let us know how
much the Carriage of the trunk cost you
let us know how many churches there is
in Prairie du Chien, and which you attend, and
if there is any Sunday Schools and let
us know how you are getting on -
there is a prayer meeting every Sunday night
at Mulland School and is pretty well attended
I intend to send this letter with them to night
We all join in love to you hoping your
health improves - from your affectionate
(write soon) Mother

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