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## Letter from Daniel Muir to John Muir, 1861 Jan 25

Daniel Muir

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Town of Buffalo July 25<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dear John,

I am glad to hear of your health  
improving so well and that you <sup>are</sup> exceeding so well otherwise  
I hope you are doing all to the glory of god who gives you  
the power, if you do you may be satisfied if not you cannot  
but in order to know see that you have gods word & Spirit in your  
favor. give much of your time to the study of gods word  
for want of this diligent study many err & lose much by it. Dare  
in danger of perishing and in some cases do perish. The  
love of the applause of man has been the ruin of many if  
not supplied with that which cometh of god. let us please all  
men for their good. whatever way you can advance gods glory  
the most ~~should~~ be your study. This is what will give you  
eternal satisfaction & this is what the wise do, though it be opposed  
to their natural inclination. though they have to act  
contrary to the thoughts, words & deeds of the people of  
the world. and although they have to resist the Devil  
in all the way in order to accomplish it, <sup>may</sup> god give you  
grace to do it through Jesus Christ & to his name be the praise  
~~of god~~, as regards what you have done since you left  
us I do not know but <sup>that it is wifely</sup> ~~done wifely~~ & as long  
as you fear god ~~that~~ he will make all things work together  
for your good & his own glory, see that all you do in the  
world is for the good of the Church of god throughout  
the world split up though it be into so many sects. try  
to be a peacemaker. to bring them together in the spirit  
of charity for our interest is in the unity of the Church of god

also think of the souls of the poor destitute heathen  
Pray for them they are dependent upon the grace of god  
through his instrumentality. These state is constantly crying to  
us as the ministers of god for help. let us think that if we were  
in these state & knew our destitution, how much we would like  
such help as we may from time to time be able to afford them  
I look to Eternity & repair for it another moment & we may be  
out of time. I think there is more interest taken in our  
meetings this winter than last. I am invited to go &  
administer the Sacrament next Sunday to Baptists  
Presbyterians Episcopalians & Methodists, at that Schoolhouse  
east of Ballfountain, on the Puyton road, we are going  
up to partake of the Symbols of our blessed Saviours  
divine love <sup>with them</sup> except your mother, as we cannot get all  
away I am glad to know you are attending upon  
the means of grace regularly. Keep your mind  
upon gods business & never cease to walk in all his ways.  
He will bless you in time & eternity. I am glad to  
hear from you always. a wise Son & a faithful & glad  
Father.

I remain your affectionate Father

Paul Davis

Town of Buffalo,  
Jany. 25th, 1861.

Dear John:

I am glad to hear of your health improving so well and that you are succeeding so well otherwise. I hope you are doing all to the glory of God who gives you the power. If you do, you may be satisfied. If not, you cannot. But in order to know, see that you have God's word and spirit in your favour. Give much of your time to the study of God's word - for want of this diligent study many err and lose much by it and are in danger of perishing, and in some cases do perish. The love of the applause of man has been the ruin of many, if not coupled with that which cometh of God. Let us please all men for their good. Whatever way you can advance God's glory the most should be your study. This is what will give you eternal satisfaction, and this is what the wise do, though it be opposed to their natural inclination, and though they have to act contrary to the thoughts, words, and deeds of the people of the world, and although they have to resist the Devil in all the way in order to accomplish it. May God give you grace to do it through Jesus Christ and to his name be the praise.

As regards what you have done since you left us, I do not know but that it is wisely done, and as long as you fear God he will make all things work together for your good and his own glory. See that all you do in the world is for the good of the church of God throughout the world, split up though it be into so many sects. Try to be a peace-maker to bring them together in the spirit of Charity, for our interest is in the unity of the Church of God.

Also think of the souls of the poor destitute heathen. Pray for them. They are dependent upon the grace of God. Through his instrumentality their state is constantly crying to us as the ministers of God for help. Let us think that if we were in their state and knew our destitution how much we would like such help as we may from time to time be able to afford them. O, look to Eternity and prepare for it. Another moment and we may be out of time. I think there is more interest taken in our meetings this winter than last. I am invited to go and administer the sacrament next Sunday to Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Methodists at that school-house east of Bellfountain on the Kingston road. We are going up to partake of the symbols of our blessed Saviour's dying love, except your mother, as we cannot get all away.

I am glad to know you are attending upon the means of grace regularly. Keep your mind upon God's business, and never cease to walk in all his ways, and he will bless you in time and eternity. I am glad to hear from you always. A wise son maketh a glad father.

I remain,

Your affectionate father,

Daniel Muir