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Letter from Ann Gilrye Muir to John Muir, 1861 Dec 1

Ann Gilrye Muir

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so John had little left - but
 Mary^t said if she was poor
 she was apt of debt and felt
 satisfied -- about a week
 ago your father hired John
 Kiel to take care of his
 farm in his absence -- so
 John and Mary^t are coming
 here to live, as soon as she is
 able to ride this length her
 baby is healthy but she is still
 weak - appears round here
 seem to have changed as much
 as the face of Nature since
 you left home --

I hope you will write
 soon from your
 affectionate Mother

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Dear John I have received
 your letter and am glad to know
 that you are well, I have often
 felt anxious to know about you
 since you left home - we have
 very seldom had that pleasure
 you and your are extremely busy
 and are still more thirsty for
 knowledge, I hope you will have
 opportunities for study until you
 are somewhat satisfied --
 I hope you will like teaching
 but you have not told us where
 you are going to teach at. let us
 know, - all the girls are anxious
 for letters from you - David and
 Susati are anxious to know if -

you have received their letter -
 about five weeks ago Daniel -
 told his father that he had made
 up his mind, not to be a farmer
 and he wished to go to Madison
 to study this winter - after his
 father had thought about it
 he decided to go to Madison
 and find a house suitable
 for us all to spend the winter
 in, if he could get some one
 to take care of the farm -
 however he afterwards thought
 Madison too far from the farm
 so he went to Portage last
 week and hired a house there
 so Daniel and the girls will -

attend school in Portage City
 this winter. I never thought
 I would like to live in Portage
 but hope I will, -
 Mr. Everest has been here
 and has got John's father's farm
 back, John never told Mary
 any thing about his affairs
 but Mr. Everest told her
 all, about them, he told
 her John had paid very little
 more than the interest of the
 money, so he got the farm back
 and John has hauled off a good
 deal of wheat at low prices
 to give the money to Everest
 and George claimed one horse -