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Letter from Margaret Muir Reid to John Muir, 1862 Apr 24

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Jeddo Wis April 27th/62

Friend John

This morning John I thought that I would write you ^{a few} lines along with the rest. I am gone every day up to the nursery selling trees while the season lasts. Everest requested me to stay one month from the 7th of April to the 7th of May. I have been there week now. I am selling trees more or less every day some for D. S. Wood worth to B. B. Everest. There will be from four to five thousand trees sold out of the nursery this year. The farmers here are all busy getting in the seed ~~now~~ I have got mine all in except 3 or 4 acres your fathers will be done ~~to~~ tomorrow there will be a good many who will not be done next week, the season is very short for the farmers to get their crops in it makes them grumble some. There is not much of anything going on here in particular. we have got a new minister here in the place of Jones I think he is a very good man ~~and~~ that is calculated to do some good I have heard him once and liked him very well he brings out his ideas very clear and plain so that any one can understand him he is going to stay 3 months anyway and if the people like him and can raise enough to support him through the coming season he will stay I hope they will for there is great need of one here to stir up the people. now John I must close so good by and be a good boy.

John Reid

April 24

Dear brother I feel some better this morning and I thought I would write to you and tell you all the news. I was glad to receive your letter and felt that I had a kind sympathizing brother I was sorrow you had such a bad time going down we are all very busy here getting in the seed (all except me) we have two hired men besides David and Dan who is working here now he has two weeks vacation. The girls and Mother are all coming ~~too~~ before school takes up again, but I will have to stop for I am not so strong as I thought I was. Father presented me with a nice little willow coach for Annie and her and I ~~is~~ much out of doors which is good for both. It will be a great benefit to me this summer Jim is up at the nursery every day just now I suppose you know that father has hired John for another year so will be a good while before we leave the old home David Galloway was over since you wrote and I gave him your letter for Sarah to read. There is a new Minister come instead of James John heard him last Sunday he liked him first rate. The midland Sunday School has commenced again and Dan is chosen Superintendant I guess that is about all the news. Oh no more yet Mr John Foster has got a son. I heard ^{that} John could do nothing else but hold it. do you wonder?

Good bye. I hope you are well and happy and walking close with your God. From your affectionate sister

Mary

write soon